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EMIL E. DATZ, PRESIDENT.

JOHN EDELSTEIN,

A. A. HARDENBERGH,

THOMAS D. JORDAN,

W. D. REYNOLDS,

GEO. F. McANENY, CLERK.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

1886-87.

Finance and Claims,

HARDENBERGH, JORDAN, REYNOLDS.

Concurrent Resolutions.

JORDAN, REYNOLDS, EDELSTEIN,

Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

REYNOLDS, EDELSTEIN, JORDAN,

Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

EDELSTEIN, JORDAN, REYNOLDS.

MINUTES.

The members of the Board of Finance and Taxation met in the City Hall Tuesday, April 13th, 1886, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of organizing.

There were present Messrs. Datz, Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, and on motion of Mr. Edelstein Mr. Jordan was elected to act as President pro tempore.

The Board then proceeded to the election of a permanent President.

Mr. Edelstein nominated Mr. Hardenbergh.

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated Mr. Datz.

The chair appointed Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds as tellers.

A ballot was then had with the following result:

Mr. Hardenbergh received one vote:

Mr. Datz received three votes.

Mr. Datz having been excused from voting.

Mr. Datz having received a majority of the votes cast the chair declared him elected President of the Board for the ensuing year.

The President elect took the chair.

The following communication was received from R. B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney:

JERSEY CITY, April 12, 1886.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In response to the resolution of your honorable Board passed April 6th instant, I would say that the resolution appointing me did not state any particular salary for the office, nor was there any salary fixed by the Board, and I therefore assumed that I would receive the salary fixed by law. However, if there is any misunderstanding in regard to the salary to which I am entitled, I take this opportunity of informing you that I am willing to consent to accept whatever salary your honorable Board may decide to be proper.

Very respectfully,

R. B. SEYMOUR,
Corporation Attorney.

The communication was received, spread at large upon the minutes and ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to prepare a schedule of printed blanks, stationery and supplies as are used in the several offices under the control of this Board and by the Assessors, and that the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be directed and authorized to advertise for proposals for prices at which such stationery and supplies will be furnished during the coming year.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The President announced the Standing Committees for the ensuing year as follows:

Committee on Finance and Claims, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Committee on Concurrent Resolutions, Messrs. Jordan, Reynolds and Edelstein.

Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, Messrs. Reynolds, Edelstein and Jordan.

Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet Thursday, April 15th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 22d, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the Board proceeded to open the bids for the sale of $325.000 of water scrip issued under an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, approved Jan. 30, 1883.

The Clerk read the bids as follows:

William Clarke & Sons, $325,000 at 106⅛ and accrued interest.

C. F. Emerson, $325 000 at 105 67.

George K. Sistare's Sons, $325,000 at 105¾ and interest.

C. Zabriskie, $325,000 at 106.01 and interest.

James Demarest, $325.000 at 105.

The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of N. Y., $325,000 at 101 01.

Charles S. Segelbaum, $10.000 at 105.

W. A. Freligh, $50,000 at 106.30-100.

The United States Life Insurance Co., $20.000 at 104.75.

The United States Life Insurance Co., $20,000 at 106.

The United States Life Insurance Co., $20,000 at 107.

J. F. Mahoney & Co., $10,000 at 104.03 and interest.

J. F. Mahoney & Co., $10,000 at 104 16 and interest.

J. F. Mahoney & Co., $10,000 at 104 37 and interest.

J. F. Mahoney & Co., $10,000 at 104 56 and interest.

J. F. Mahoney & Co., $10,000 at 104.80 and interest.

Joseph Earle, $15,000 at 101.

On motion, all the above bids were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Protest of A. H. Young against the improvement of Jackson avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of William H. Green to have taxes reduced.

Petition of D. K. DeBuxedon, agent for Kingsland & Sutton, to have tax sales cancelled.

Petitions for compromise of assessments from Vredenbergh & Garretson, P. S. Van Winkle, Thomas A. Lane, G. P. Howell, John Garrick and John A. McGrath.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of John Conway as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Claus Meyer, Joseph Autenreith and Owen McGuire as sureties.

Official bond of Peter F. Madden as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Jas. F. Gannon and Nicholas Toppin as sureties.

Official bond of James H. Henderson as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Peter Henderson and Alfred Henderson as sureties.

Official bond of Thomas Reynolds as a member of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with Thomas Fitzsimmons and Patrick McArdle as sureties.

Official bond of John Watt as a member of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with Charles Turner and Frederick Payne as sureties.

Official bond of Charles J. Somers as a member of the Board of Public Works in the sum of $15,000, with Joseph T. Kelly and Thos. Kelly as sureties.

Official bond of John H. Fenner as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Garret V. H. Brinkerhoff and Isaac J. Struble as sureties.

Official bond of Elias P. Roberts as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with John Wheelihan, Thomas Harrington and John Pearson as sureties.

Official bond of Thomas Nugent as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Jas. Roche and Samuel Bush as sureties.

Official bond of Thomas English as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick Hayden and Philip Smith as sureties.

Official bond of John Jelly as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Charles Turner and Frederick Payne as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection the assessment map for the improvement of Garfield avenue from Linden to west side Gates avenue, amounting to $5,296.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury April 16th to 22d, both days included, to be $28,471.72.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, April 19, '86.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return without my approval your resolution directing the cancellation of tax sales for the years 1873, 1874, 1876 to 1879 inclusive, on lot 11, block 258, old Jersey City. I think that this properly was not exempt from taxation during the whole period named if it were for any part thereof I could not conveniently go over all the years but I know that for a portion of the time this lot was rented to the city and used as a playground or yard in connection with the adjoining building used as a public school. Under the general tax law church or school property for which rent is received is not exempt from taxation.

Respectfully yours,
GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor.

On motion the communication was received and laid on the table.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing copies of an act and supplements in reference to the increase of salaries of the sergeants, roundsmen and patrolmen.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $2,000 from the appropriation for cleaning sewers to the appropriation for engineering bureau.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works giving notice that the supply of coal at Belleville is exhausted.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Michael Shannon for

improvement of Hancock avenue, from Congress to North street.

2. Awarding contract to Samuel Overton for construction of a sewer in Bleecker street, from a point 50 feet east of Durham to Pierce avenue.

3. Pay roll Committee on Streets and Sewers reconstruction month of March, 1886, amounting to $2,253.99.

4 Five resolutions ordering paid certain claims

On motion, the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the bids for $525,000 water bonds as follows:

Resolved, That the entire issue of Water (Scrip) Bonds $325,000 issued under an act of the Legislature, approved January 30th, 1883, be and is hereby awarded to William Clarke & Sons at the rate of $106⅛ and accrued interest, and that the Clerk be directed to notify them that the bonds will be ready for delivery on Saturday, 24th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon.

The same committee reported verbally on the official bonds of John Conway, James H. Henderson and Peter H. Madden as Fire Commissioners; John H. Fenner, Elias P. Roberts and Thomas Nugent, Police Commissioners; Charles J. Somers, John Watt and Thomas Reynolds as members of the Board of Public Works; John Jelly and Thomas English as Constables, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the reports of the committee were received and the resolution and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for repairs to hydrants month of February, 1886, amounting to $763.

2. Pay roll Committee on Streets and Sewers, reconstruction month of February, 1886, amounting to $1,073.34

3 Pay roll Committee on Plumbing and Reservoirs, cleaning screens, month of February, 1886, amounting to $37.50.

4. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for shutting off water, month of February, 1886, amounting to $234.

5. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, month of March, 1886, amounting to $3,160.84.

6. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The same Committee reported on pay rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of February and March, 1886, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, The salaries of certain employees of the Board of Public Works have been by resolution of that Board increased; and

Whereas, Certain of the pay rolls contain the names of parties who are credited with such increased salary; and

Whereas, This Board has not concurred in said increase of salary; therefore be it

Resolved, That all such irregular pay rolls be returned to the Board of Public Works, with the request that they be corrected by placing the figures at the amount as they were before said increase, or by dividing each pay roll into two, one containing the names of those who have not been credited with such increase.

The ayes and nayes having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

Mr. Jordan moved that the pay rolls presented by the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of February, 1886, amounting to $4,232.98, be taken from the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Edelstein moved as an amendment that they be ordered paid.

The ayes and nays having been called on the amendment it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Mr. Edelstein.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

The ayes and nays having been called on the original motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, and to take up the same, the bond for one thousand dollars issued by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City to the State of New Jersey by resolution of this Board passed March 2d, 1885, said bond being the compensation fixed by the Board of Riparian Commissioners under the act of the Legislature of this State entitled, "An act to cede to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City certain lands of the State now and heretofore under the tide water of Communipaw bay, and establish a tide basin adjacent thereto, approved April 4th, 1872."

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson county National bank to the credit of May, 1886, interest:

On Water Account	$11,395 00
On Water Account	20,000 00
On General Account	31,080 00
On General Account to Pay Interest on Assessment Bonds	42,735 00
On General Account to Pay Interest on Assessment Bonds	42,000 00

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be directed to notify the Assessors to meet on Monday, April 26th, 1886, at 12 o'clock noon, at the office of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the purpose of organizing.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the party receiving the contract for furnishing stationery be required to furnish sureties to the amount of $1,000 for the faithful performance of the contract, and that all stationery furnished be of the same quality as now used in the several offices and by the Assessors.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be authorized to confer with the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings of the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of providing suitable offices for the use of the Mayor of this city.

The ayes and nays having been called on

the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nays—President Datz and Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the valuation of pier of estate of William E. Dodge for assessment of taxes for the year 1885 be reduced to $10,000, and that the Collector of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized and directed to accept the sum of five thousand one hundred and four dollars and sixty cents in full settlement of all taxes on the property of said estate of William E. Dodge in the Second Aldermanic District of Jersey City for the year 1885, any other resolution of this Board to the contrary notwithstanding, provided that the same be paid forthwith; and provided further, that nothing in this resolution contained or any reduction made in the valuation of taxes on said property shall in any wise affect or impair or be used in evidence to affect or impair the increase of taxes for the year 1884 on property owned by said estate now in suit and undetermined in the Court of Errors and Appeals, and that the executors of said estate shall stipulate to that effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenberb, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—President Datz.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That pending the concurrence of this Board in the contract for furnishing and delivering coal at Belleville and High Service, the Chairman of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions be empowered to order the requisite amount required.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the Clerk be directed to open the bids presented for supplying the necessary stationery required by the several offices under the immediate control of this Board and also the Assessors.

The Clerk having read the bills as presented by John J. O'Hara, Albert Datz and the Jordan Stationery Company they were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 29th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

In absence of the clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as clerk pro tem.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Vredenbergh and Garretson, attorneys, to have taxes and tax sales cancelled.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from E Reynolds, John J. Toffey, W. Jacques, H. Manbkopf, William McKean, A. Sturm, George Kreiner, G. F. Luxton.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. of $26.95 for rent of instrument and tollage from December 1st, 1885, to April 1st, 1886.

Claim of Charles C. Becker of $72 for one office desk for City Comptroller.

Claim of Albert Datz of $18 for printing resolution blanks.

Claim of the Wall Street Daily News of $20 for advertising sale of water scrip.

Claim of the Journal of Commerce of $36 for advertising sale of water scrip.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Frederick P. Budden, Jr., as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John McLaughlin and Frederick P. Budden, Sr., as sureties.

Official bond of Joseph Locke as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with John McCarthy and Patrick Costello as sureties.

Official bond of Godfrey G. Dillaway as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Mahnken and Adolph Luck as sureties.

Official bond of Philip F. McGovern as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick McGovern and Hugh Rountree as sureties.

Official bond of Nicholas Dowdell as constable in the sum of $1.000, with John Welsh and Michael Lyon as sureties.

Official bond of Henry F. Crawford as constable in the sum of $1.000, with George E. Cutter and George C. Doyle as sureties.

Official bond of Richard Onslow as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Horace H. Farrier and Ernest Crome as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Itemized requisitions were received from the Board of Assessors, City Comptroller, Clerk of Board of Finance and Taxation and City Clerk, all of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the Board of Assessors, stating that on Monday, April 26, 1886, they met in the City Hall and organized as a Board with David W. Lawrence President and John C. Robbins Clerk.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from April 23 to 29, 1886, both days included, to be $362,-083.85.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an extra appropriation for the relief of outdoor poor, under an act approved March 1, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bonds of Richard Onslow, Henry F. Crawford, Nicholas Dowdell, Philip F. McGovern, Godfrey G. Dillaway, Frederick P. Budden, Jr., and Joseph Locke as constables, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same Committee reported verbally on the resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting this Board to provide monies for the increase of salaries under act of the Legislature approved March 26th, 1886, and the supplement thereto approved April 15th, 1886, stating that the necessary provisions would be made for the payment of the increased salaries.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Fixing the salary of T. J. Carroll, as clerk in the Water Department, at $1,000 per annum.

2 Authorizing Committee to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering about 9.500 tons of anthracite coal at Belleville and High Service.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of Hancock avenue.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Streets and Sewers, reconstruction for the month of March, 1886, amounting to $2,253 99.

5. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of April, 1886, recommedding the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of April, 1886, when due, viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer.	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector.	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
John T. M. Kaylar	100 00
William H. Tuttle	83 33
Charles Krebs	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Lewis E. Smith, 15 days	35 00
Christopher Smith, 15 days	35 00
John Wandle	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
Peter F, Buckalew, messenger	60 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax..	75 00

William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court, 10 days	16 66
Richard Boucher, Marshal 2d District Court, 20 days..	33 34

Clerks to City Clerk—

Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser, 20 days	44 44

Assessors—

Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District, 13 days	54 17
Thomas McEwan, Jr,, 4th District, 17 days	70 83
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00

Publishing Minutes—

The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33

Cleaning rooms in City Hall—

Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Honora Lamb	25 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk..	30 00
A. W. Edson, City Superintendent of Public Schools	216 66

The same committee reported on petitions of John J. Toffey, E. Reynolds, W. Jacques, H. Mahnkopf, William McKeau, A. Sturm, Geo. Kreiner, G. F. Luxton, Vredenbergh & Garretson, John A. McGrath, Peter S. Van Winkle, John Garrick, Thomas A. Lane and G. P. Howell for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his Honor, the Mayor, on resolution cancelling certain tax sales against property owned by St. Michael's Church, be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Moved, That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor, the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—None.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be authorized to have published once each in the official papers the laws relative to the compromise of taxes.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from Water account to General account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the salary of the Corporation Attorney be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of $1.800 per annum, this resolution to be and remain in force during the time the encumbent may remain in office as such corporation Attorney.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR, Clerk, pro tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, May 6th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Resignation of Menzies C. Cleveland, Agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax to date from May 10th, 1886.

Received and accepted.

Communication from the Board of Pollution of the Passaic River, requesting the appointment of a member of this Board as a member of the said Board of Pollution.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The President appointed Mr. Jordan as a member of the Board of Pollution.

Petition of the Estate of W. Geyer to have tax sales cancelled,

Petitions of Thomas McRae, P. H. Beckman, C. S. See, att'y, Traphagen & Beekman, Jane Van Winkle, Daniel Reegan, A. B. Dayton, attorney, Alexander McClane for compromise of assessments

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John A. Blair of $77.16 for disbursements as Corporation Counsel.

Claim of Becker Furniture Co. of $10 for one revolving chair and repairs.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $5.40 for advertising.

Claim of the Argus of $58 50 for advertising Assessors' notices, 10 times.

Claim of the Argus of $43 for advertising and printing.

Claim of the Argus of $49 for advertising sale of water bonds.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller, City Collector and City Marshal.

All of which was referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from April 30 to May 6, 1886, both days inclusive, to be $27,-120.30.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received in his office for collection the assessment map for sewer in Griffith street, from Summit to Milton avenues, amounting to $1,973.93.

Received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

JERSEY CITY, May 6, 1886.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In obedience to the resolution of your Board, passed at the meeting held on the twenty second day of April last, directing the Treasurer and Comptroller to pay off and take up the bond given by the city of Jersey City to the State of New Jersey for the South Cove grant, under the act of April 4th, 1872, I did, as the agent of the Treasurer and Comptroller, pay the amount due upon said bond to Hon. John J. Toffey, State Treasurer, last Monday. The amount due upon said bond was $1,000 principal and $81.50 interest; total, $1,081.50. I respectfully return to you the said bond, bearing the receipt of the State Treasurer, and also duplicate receipt signed by State Treasurer and State Comptroller. Since the payment of the said bond, suit has been commenced for the recovery of the possession of the lands described in the grant for which said bond was given.

Very respectfully,
JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, April 30, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I herewith return without my approval the resolution of your honorable body to publish in the official papers the law recently passed relative to the compromise of taxes. This publication will very soon be made in the regular course of publishing the laws at State expense, and a publication in a newspaper is, at best, not useful for preservation, which is what the taxpayers interested will desire. The City Attorney of Elizabeth is now compiling a pamphlet edition of this law with appropriate forms devised by him, and he will furnish them to your Honorable body at cost. I think it wise to await that edition.

Very respectfully,
GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor.

The resolution was received and laid on the table.

Official bond of Frank Meyer, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Michael D. Vreeland and Henry Windecker as sureties.

Official bond of John H. Masker, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James Campbell and Cornelius J. Cronin as sureties.

Official bond of Jacob Christman, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Horace H. Farrier and Willian W. Farrier as sureties.

Official bond of John P. Feeney as Constable in the sum of $1,000 with Dennis McLaughlin and Hugh Dugan as sureties.

Official bond of Peter H. Daly as Constable in the sum of $1,000 with David Harper and James Hunt as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims.

Referred to Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present: President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bonds of John H. Masker, Jacob Christman, John P. Feeney, Peter H. Daly and Frank Meyer as Constables, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of February, 1886, amounting to $1,521.68.

2. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1886, amounting to $958.35.

3. Pay roll resolution of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1886, amounting to $883.35.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following votes.

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Harderbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of C. Soltau to have an error corrected, recommending the adoption of the following resolution;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. Soltau for the sum of $29 85, being amount paid on bill erroneously drawn, and that said warrant be used in paying on corrrcted bill.

The committee reported on petitions of the Hudson County Land Improvement Company, Marie M. Sibenman, William Harriman, Domenicus Wegman, P. H. Beckman, Thomas McRae, C. S. See, attorney, Traphagen & Beekman, Jane Van Winkle, Daniel Reegan, A. B. Dayton and Alexander McClain for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of ten thousand dollars on account of county taxes of 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars to transfer that amount from general account to January, 1885, interest account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum or five hundred and sixty dollars to transfer that amount from general account to July, 1885, interest account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be requested to have printed once in each corporation paper the act passed March 30, known as the Martin bill for the compromise of taxes and assessments.

By President Datz:

Resolved, That Henry F. Crawford be and he is hereby appointed an agent of this Board under the direction of the City Collector to whom he shall report daily for the purpose of collecting the arrears of personal taxes at a salary of seventy-five dollars per month, term to commence May 10th, 1886, and to continue during the pleasure of the Board, and be it further

Resolved, That said Henry F. Crawford shall file with the Clerk of this Board a bond in the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall turn over to the City Collector all monies collected each and every week and report the same collected to this Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to notify the Assessors of the several districts that in all cases where they may have used or shall use any other lay-out in making their assessments for taxes then the city map, to immediately file copies of such lay-out or private map with the City Collector, and to insert in their books against each lot or parcel of land the area or approximate area of said lot or parcel of land as by law they are directed. Also to record in their books the house numbers as shown on the official map on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 13th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of John W. Dubuar, Peter L. Van Winkle, E. S. Cowles, Martin Logan, for compromise of assessments.

Petition of Hauck Bros., for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Morris & Cummings for cancellation of sales for water rents.

All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Maitland. Phelps & Co., for the payment of coupons from Jersey City water scrip bonds and which coupons were lost with the steamer Oregon.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Sunday Tattler of $29 for advertising.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $271.43 for stationery furnished Assessors.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co., of $19 63 for gas consumed in the City Hall, from March 31st to April 30th, 1886.

All the above claims were received, and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Clerk received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury, May 7th to 13th, 1866, to be $22,962.42.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector deputizing Constable Henry F. Crawford as an agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax.

On motion the nomination was confirmed and the communication filed.

Official bond of Henry F. Crawford, as agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax in the sum of $5,000, with Samuel F. Chatterton and Dominick Rehberger as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation to be used in removing the District Courts and fitting up an office for the Mayor.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting that an appropriation be made for printing a sufficient number of copies of the city charter.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, May 13, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I find myself unable alone to make the investigations necessary for a proper consideration of many of the matters brought before me and respectfully suggest that an appropriation of $100 per month be made to enable me to employ a suitable clerk who shall be wholly under my own control and who may be changed at any time if he should be found incompetent. I feel certain that the necessity for such a clerk will be at once apparent to the members of your Board when their attention is called to it.

Very respectfully,
ORESTES CLEVELAND,
Mayor.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received and referred to the Committe on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of April, 1885, amounting to $3,129 68.

2. Awarding contract to Willard Richards for 9,500 tons of coal to be delivered at Belleville.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an appropriation for furnishing the Mayor's office and removing the District Court, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding eleven hundred dollars, said amount to be used in removing the First District Court from the City Hall to the Fuller Building, corner of Montgomery and Hudson streets, fitting up the rooms for said Court and fitting up the rooms vacated by said Court for the use of the Mayor of this city; and further,

Resolved, That said expenditure be paid out of the Contingent Fund of this Board.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an extra appropriation for the relief of outdoor poor, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $3,995.07 be and is hereby appropriated, in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated, for the relief of outdoor poor under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act concerning Cities in this State," approved March 1st, 1886, and that said amount be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated, and if no such monies are on hand then, and in that case this Board borrow said amount and issue proper evidences of indebtedness therefor, to be signed by the Mayor, sealed with the city seal and attested by the City Clerk; and further

Resolved, That in either case said amount be placed in the next tax levy.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $500 from the Account of Repairs to Engine House No. 3 to a special account to repair Mountain Road wall, Board of Public Works fiscal year, 1885 and 1886.

The same committe reported recommending the payment of the following claims: $36 to the Journal of Commerce, $5.40 to Jersey City Herald, $20 to the Wall Street Daily News, $49 to the Argus, $57.16 to John A. Blair.

The same committee reported verbally on the official bond of Henry F. Crawford, as agent

for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Tax, recommending that the same be spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Awarding contract to Willard Richards for about 9,500 gross tons of anthracite coal at $3.72 per gross ton.

2. Ordering paid claim of John Boyd for painting at pipe yard.

3. Two resolutions ordering paid some miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of William Toffey to have an error on taxes corrected, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed and authorized to reduce the valuations for taxes of 1885 on lots 4, 5, 6, 7, block ——, from $300 to $150 each, and the valuation of lot 8, block ——, from $400 to $200, as per certificate of the City Collector.

The same committee reported on petitions of E. S. Cowles, Peter S. Van Winkle, Martin Logan and John Dubaur, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported verbally recommending that the petition of the Westchester Fire Insurance Company for reduction of personal taxes be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$26 95 to the N. Y, & N. J. Telephone Company for use of instrument and tollage from Dec. 1st, 1885, to April 1, 1886.

$18 to Albert Datz for printing resolution blanks.

$72 to Charles C. Becker for desk for Comptroller.

$10 to the Becker Furniture Company for revolving chair and repairs.

$43 to the Argus for printing and advertising.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh, the veto of his Honor, the Mayor, on the resolution authorizing the publication of the law recently passed in reference to compromise of taxes, &c., &c., was taken from the table and read, and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh was laid on the table by a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims, in conjunction with the Corporation Counsel, be requested to meet the like Committee of the Board of Chosen Freeholders with the Counsel of said Board for the purpose of adjusting the difference now existing between the County and City relative to County tax.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $6,-556 55, being amount past due on County tax.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That L. D. Fowler, Assessment Clerk of the Board of Public Works, be and he is hereby appointed for the ensuing year to revise the assessment maps and assist the Assessors; but this addition to his regular duties shall be without extra compensation, his salary to remain at the rate of $1,800 per annum, and to be paid by this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That his Honor, the Mayor, be authorized to engage a clerk for service in his office, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, said salary to be paid out of the Salary account of this Board.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the above resolution was laid on the table by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That the clerk of this Board be directed to request the Board of Public Works to have all pay rolls now in their hands and unpaid properly signed and reported by the committee and sent to this Board before the next meeting of this Board.

By Mr. Reynolds, and carried:

Moved, That the vote whereby the petition of William Toffey for reduction of taxes of 1885 was adopted, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the subject matter referred back to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 20th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from George J. Luxton, John A. McGrath, L. Welsh, Sarah Durell and Annie E. Pearsall.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petitions of Charles E. Gregory and E. D. Adams to have taxes and assessments adjusted.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $20 for postage stamps furnished City Comptroller.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $124 00 for stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of John E. Scott as City Clerk in the sum of $25,000, with William Clarke and Peter Bentley as sureties.

Official bond of Frederick J. Mersheimer as constable in the sum of $1,000, with George Gunkle and Charles C. Kramer as sureties.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury May 14th to 20th, 1886, both days included, to be $39,619.54.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel.

JERSEY CITY, May 19th, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In obedience to your resolution of the date of April 6th, I demanded from the police authorities of the city of New York the return of the five Jersey City bonds known by numbers 358, 424, 425, 426 and 432 referred to in said resolution. As to the result of my negotiations I have the pleasure of handing to you with this communication the said bonds. They are returned without condition and without indemnity on the part of Jersey City. I respectfully suggest that you acknowledge their receipt to the Police Department of the city of New York, from whose Property Clerk, Mr. John F. Harriot, I received them, and who was very courteous throughout the whole matter.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The communication was received and ordered filed, and the clerk directed to return the thanks of this Board to the Police Department of New York also Mr. John F. Harriot, Property Clerk.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $500 from the special account, to repair Engine House No. 3, to the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Appointment of Charles Freeman as an extra clerk at a salary of $75 per month.

2. Requesting the appointment of two experts to examine the books of the Board of Public Works.

3. Fixing the salary of the Water Assessor at $1,600 per annum.

4. Opening, widening and changing boundaries of Jackson avenue.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bonds of John E. Scott, as City Clerk, and Frederick J. Mersheimer, as Constable, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called, the recommendation of the committee was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of April, 1886, amounting to $3,129.60.

2. Construction of a sewer in Bleecker street, from 20 feet east of Passaic avenue to Central avenue.

3. Ordering paid claims of the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported awarding contract to Patrick Murphy for the improvement of Laidlaw avenue, from Oakland to Central avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of George J. Luxton, John A. McGrath, L. Welsh, Sarah Durrell and Annie E. Pearsall for compromise of Assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the reports, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of June 1886, interest:

On general account	$13,500
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	42,600
On water account	8,680

By Mr. Hardenbergh;

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to charge to water account the following claims ordered paid May 13th, 1886, for advertising sale of water scrip, to wit:

$36 to the Journal of Commerce.

$5.40 to the Jersey City Herald.

$20 to the Wall street Daily News.

$49 to the Jersey City Argus.

Instead of charging to account of claims legal expenses and judgments as directed.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from water account to general account, to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller and City Treasurer are hereby directed to pay to the Commissioners of the "Sinking Fund of 1876" the principal and interest of temporary loan bonds as follows:

No 248, for $52,000; No. 249, for $30,000; No. 250, for $25,000; No. 251, for $20,000; No. 252, for $20,000; No. 261, for $10,000; No. 281, for $12,000; No. 297, for $30,000; No. 344, for $50,000; No. 420 for $21,000.

And to the Commissioners of the "Sinking Fund of 1873" the sum of $45,000 on account of temporary loan, bond No. 398.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 20th, 1886, at 9 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, On the first day of June, 1876, there were $400,000 of revenue bonds issued by Jersey City (under act of April 21st, 1876), due June 1st, 1886, and the unpaid taxes of 1873 and 1874 were pledged for the payment of interest and principal of said bonds; and

Whereas, The collection of said taxes of 1873 1874, and interest on same, has amounted to sufficient sum to pay the interest on said bonds and $325,000 of the principal of said bonds; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller and Treasurer be directed to pay $320,500 of said revenue bonds, due June 1st, 1886, from the account known as "Sinking Fund of 1876," and the amount of $79,500 of said revenue bonds be paid from the account known as "Sinking Fund of 1873."

Resolved, That in consideration of said sum of $79,500 being paid from the account "Sinking Fund 1873," that all monies collected for taxes of 1873 and 1874 and interest on same be paid said "Sinking Fund of 1873." until the sum of $79,500 shall be returned.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday May 27th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the Pennsylvania Coal Company requesting that this Board instruct the Corporation Counsel to forego and cease to prosecute its claim against said Company by reason of the increase of values made as aforesaid to the assessment for taxes of 1884.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Edwin T. Phelan for compromise and adjustment of taxes and assessments.

Petition of John N. Peters for the return of money paid in error on taxes of 1884 and '85.

Petition for compromise of assessments were received from E. J, Wilson, John Mansfield, J. C. Smith, John E. H. Van Reyper, Ferdinand Witt, F. W. Knoblock, Stephen P. Yoe and Leah Ann Tanner.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John Rickerich of $25 for moving District Court from City Hall to 109 Hudson street, J. C.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $66.60 for advertising.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $15 for ice furnished City Hall from April 23rd to May 22nd, 1886.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of George F. McAneny of $115.40 for disbursements as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation from September 1st, 1885, to May 1st, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of William J. Fullerton as constable, in the sum of one thousand dollars. with Terence O'Gorman and James Kiernan as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims,

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

JERSEY CITY, May 27, 1886.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to you the pay roll referred to me at your last meeting. The pay rolls are for the fiscal year 1881-82 and were not then paid because the appropriation for that year was exhausted. Your Board has no authority to pay these bills even if you had the money and were so disposed, out of this year's moneys. I know of no way in which you can legally pay these old pay rolls except by making provision for their payment in the next tax levy. This you can do, and perhaps should do, if, after an examination of the pay rolls, you are satisfied that they are just. Their age should subject them to a critical examination.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed together with the subject matter.

The Corporation Connsel reported on petition of the Westchester Fire Insurance Co., recoming that the Board grant the relief asked for.

The opinion, together with the subject matter, was referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petition of Henry Wilford Smith for return of difference between old and new assessment, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting that certain claims, amounting to $215.01 and charged to the appropriation for furniture, repairs and gas, be transferred and paid out of special appropriation for furnishing School No. 20.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting that the amount appropriated monthly for the improvement of Hamilton Park be transferred to one appropriation in gross, viz, $3,600.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $300 from the account of cleaning sewers to the account of salaries, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Sewer Inspector.

All the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Construction of a sewer in Webster avenue, from South to Bowers street.
2. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1886, amounting to $641.67.
3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1886, amounting to $716.67.
4 Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $1,600.01.
5. Fixing the salaries of employes.
6. Ordering paid certain claims,

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Education and Board of Aldermen, requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to charge against the special appropriation for furnishing School No. 20 the following bills which were by error charged to appropriation for furniture, repairs and gas fiscal year 1885-86, to wit: February 6, William Dunne $132.61; February 25, Peter M. Hall $67.90; April 6, William Dunne $14 50; Board of Education fiscal year 1885-86.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to change upon the books in his office the appropriation for improvement of Hamilton Park by making it a gross sum of $3,600 instead of monthly portions Board of Aldermen fiscal year 1885 and '86

The same Committee reported verbally on the official bond of William J. Fullerton as Constable, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called, on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the

Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1886, amounting to $641.67.

2. Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1886, amounting to $716.67.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported as follows:

On petition of William Toffey:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the valuations for taxes of 1885 on lots, 5, 6, 7, block 81, Fifth district from $300 each to $150 each, also the valuation of lot 6, block 81, from $400 to $200, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition.

On petition of Westchester Fire Insurance Company:

Resolved, That upon the payment of $188.85, with interest and costs of advertising to the City Treasurer, the City Clerk be and he is authorized and directed to cancel of record the sale for taxes assessed to the State Insurance Company in 1872 and sold for unpaid taxes of said year.

The same committee reported on petitions of E. T. Wilson, John Mansfield, J. C. Smith, John E. H. Van Reypen, John S. Edwards, Leah Ann Tanner, F. W. Knobloch and Ferdinand Witt for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $10,186.89 be and is hereby appropriated in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for salaries Board of Police Commissioners, fiscal year 1885-86, under the provisions of an act entitled "an act regulating the pay of officers and policemen in certain cities of this State." Approved March 26th, 1886, and that said amount be paid out of any monies not otherwise appropriated, and if no such monies are on hand then, and in that case, this Board shall borrow said amount and issue proper evidences of indebtedness therefor, to be signed by the Mayor, sealed with the city seal, and attested by the City Clerk; and further

Resolved, That in either case said amount be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted May 13th, 1886, the resolution ordering a warrant drawn in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $6,556.55 be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That pending the examination of the accounts as to the monies due from the city to the County of Hudson, a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor Hugan Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of fifty thousand dollars on account of taxes claimed by said County, to be due for the year 1885.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries for the month of May, 1886, when due, to wit;

Orestes Cleveland, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
John T. M. Kaylar	100 00
William H. Tuttle	83 33
Christopher Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, messenger	60 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, ½ month	37 50
Harry F. Crawford, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, ½ month	37 50
Richard Boucher, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Thomas McEwan, Jr., 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
A. W. Edson, City Superintendent of Public Schools	216 66
L. D. Fowler, Assesment Clerk	150 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00
Publishing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Honora Lamb	25 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the offices in the City Hall under control of this Board be closed at one o'clock p. m. on Saturdays during the months of June, July and August.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the resolution in reference to the appointment of a clerk by the Mayor be taken from the table.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to engage a clerk for service in his office at a salary at the rate of $1,200 per annum, said salary to be paid by this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 3d, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from the estate of Michael Rogers, A. B. Dayton, attorney, for William Eppler, J. W. Heritage, Martin Logan, agent, G. P. Howell, agent, and John Sturm.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Sunday Tattler of $37.50 for advertising.

Claim of A. B. Reynolds of $67.30 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

Claim of Herring & Co. of $10 for removing safe to District Court.

Claim of The Jordan Stationery Co. of $14.75 for stationery furnished City Comptroller.

Claim of The Jordan Stationery Co. of $94.91 for stationery furnished City Collector.

Claim of The Jordan Stationery Co. of $42.02 for stationery for Assessors.

Claim of The Jordan Stationery Co. of $75 for stationery, &c., &c.

Claim of The Jordan Stationery Co. of $58 for note and letter heads.

Claim of The Jordan Stationery Co. of $298 for Assessors' books.

All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from May 28 to June 3d, 1886, both days included, to be $20,624.85.

Received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, June 3, 1886.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—The resolution concurring in the payment by the Board of Public Works of the claim of Henry Dillon for $60 00 is herewith returned without my signature. This claim was passed by the Board of Public Works March 16 last, and I find that the same Board passed April 22 two other claims for him, respectively, for $67.50 and $37 50 for "repairing water gates." I do not believe that any service whatever was at any time rendered for either of the three claims, but that on the contrary the claims are an absolute swindle, as a great many other claims have been that have been passed by both Boards. I take it for granted that your Board has not made any investigation in this case. Very respectfully your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND, Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, June 3d, 1866.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—It seems to me that the methods adopted by some of the departments of the city government should be carefully inquired into before the amounts of the various appropriations are fixed in the annual tax levy. I addressed a communication to your Board immediately after it became apparent that I could not alone make the investigations and accomplish the reforms absolutely necessary to stop the enormous increase in the city debt, suggesting in respectful terms that a clerk be provided for, to assist me in that work.

You have seen fit to refuse an appropriation for that purpose, and I am left now only the alternative of notifying you that unless the extravagances of the Board of Public Works are stopped—all of which have been sanctioned and concurred in by your Board—the consequences to taxpayers cannot be foreseen. If you will not allow me the necessary assistance to do it, will you not undertake the work yourselves? Will you not inquire into the cause of the enormous increase in the cost of raising water to the Belleville Reservoir? I find that the cost in 1862, when I had the honor to serve in the Water Board, was $0.0233 per thousand cubic feet of water, exclusive of the cost of fuel. That the cost in 1871, when wages were at the highest point, was about the same, viz.: $0.0243 per thousand cubic feet, the increased cost of wages being fully compensated for by the larger amount of water raised, which at the same wages can always be done at a less rate—that is, at the same rate of wages for labor a large amount of water can be raised at less cost per thousand cubic feet than a small amount, and yet I find that your Board has sanctioned and concurred in an increased expenditure till the Board of Public Works has run the cost up to $0.0371 per thousand cubic feet, or more than 50 per cent. higher, while it ought to be at least 20 per cent. lower than in 1871.

I find bills rendered to the city government for materials that I do not believe were ever furnished and for labor that I do not believe was ever performed, and yet your Board has sanctioned and concurred in these outrageous charges, as well as in the enormous increase in the cost of pumping at Belleville. I find that the expenses of the Water Department were more than $50,000 in excess of the receipts during the past year. Will your Board investigate the cause of this enormous deficiency and recommend a remedy?

I would also respectfully suggest that your Board shall institute an inquiry into the method of keeping the city accounts, in order that you may find out how it was that you placed before me a resolution appropriating $6,556 65 to the county, with the statement that this amount was the entire balance due from this city, and yet, when threatened with a suit for the recovery of $700,000 claimed by the county, you immediately appropriated $50,000 to be paid on the same account. I refused to sign the first resolution because it was too indefinite. I signed the second resolution to pay $50,000 out of respect for your Board and under the impression that you had been misled in the first instance by some system of accounts that ought to be reformed, but I cannot consent to go on in this blind way. It must stop, and now is the time to stop it.

Your Board has the power to bring to your aid all the assistance you may desire, and I will furnish you from time to time with questions for investigation. The methods and transactions of the Board of Public Works need to be carefully looked into, in order that we may know whether all of the people whose names appear on the pay-rolls are actually employed; whether materials are purchased at vastly more than market value; whether all the materials paid for have actually been received by the city, and whether, in fact, much of the

service and a large amount of the materials claimed to have been furnished are not a sham and a swindle? These are questions that your Board could look into with great profit to the city.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND, Mayor.

On motion the communication was received, ordered spread in full on the minutes and filed.

In connection with the foregoing communication Mr. Edelstein offered the following resolution.

Resolved. That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to engage a clerk for service in his office at a salary not to exceed $1,200 per year said salary to be paid by this Board, and that the term of office of said clerk be at the pleasure of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and having been called on the above reolution, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $2,000 from appropriation for cleaning sewers to the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers, fiscal year 1885-86.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1 Pay roll of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the month of April, 1886, amounting to $1,502.67.

2. Two resolutions fixing the salaries of certain employes.

3. Improvement of 12th street, from Henderson street to Jersey avenue.

4. Ordering paid claims of P. J. McKenna for cast iron pipe.

5. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 20 minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $300 from the account of cleaning sewers to the account of salaries Board of Public Works fiscal year 1885-86, for the purpose of paying salary of the Sewer Inspector.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Improvement of New York avenue, from South to North street.

2. Opening, widening and changing as to boundaries of Jackson avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The same Committee reported recommending the payment of certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenberg, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of the estate of Michael Rogers, A. B. Dayton, attorney of William Eppler, J. W. Heritage, Martin Logan, agent, G. P. Howell, agent, and John Sturm, for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same Committee reported on petition of John H. Peters for return of money paid in error on taxes, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John H. Peters, being difference between amount paid on lot 2, block 754, for the years 1884 and 1885, ($70.80) and the correct amount ($23.60) the error having been made in assessing as house and lot, whereas it should have been a vacant lot at a valuation of $400.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be and he is hereby authorized to engage a clerk for his Honor the Mayor at a salary of $100 per month.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 10th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Nicholas Nolan to have an assessment adjusted.

Petitions of E. F. Emmons, Eliza B. Wallace, John McInnass, Alexander McClain, Provident Institution for Savings, Charles Cruger, R. C. Washburne, John Garrick, attorney, and Christopher Branagan for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of William D. Connell of $4 for plumbing work in Mayor's office.

Claim of P. J. Kelleher of $7.20 for towels furnished City Marshal.

Claim of Albert Datz of $26.50 for printing blanks.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $25 02 for messenger service during May, 1886.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $156.95 for repairs on District Court.

Claim of John Boyd of $350 for painting, papering, etc., Mayor's office in City Hall.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Henry F. Crawford, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax reported that he had collected from May 28 to June 10, 1886, the sum of $475.01.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from June 4th to 10th, 1886, both days included at $30,258.93.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works in reference to the condition of the streets of Jersey City and requesting that the city repair the streets and bring suit against the Consumers Gas Company for the expense thereof.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $3,135.30.

2. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the petition of Maitland, Phelps & Co., for the payment of ... st coupons, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on the claim of the Sunday Tattler for advertising tax act, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the sum of $37.50 be paid to the Sunday Tattler for advertising corporation tax act.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution.

The reports of the committee were received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Construction of a sewer in Ogden avenue from the present sewer in Franklyn street to a point 500 feet south of the south side of Franklyn street.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $1,562.51.

3. Two resolutions ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of R. C. Washburne, E. F. Emmons, Eliza B. Wallace, John McInnass, Alexander McClain, the Provident Institution for Savings, Charles Cruger, John Garrick, Attorney, and Christopher Branagan, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$90.91 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for City Collector.

$20 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for postage stamps for City Comptroller.

$42 02 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for the Assessors.

$75 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery.

$298 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for Assessor's books.

$247 43 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for Assessor's stationery.

$15 to the Chelsea Ice Co. for ice furnished City Hall.

$66 60 to the Jersey City Herald for advertising.

$67.30 to A. B. Reynolds for supplies for City Marshal.

$29 to the Sunday Tattler for advertising.

$58.80 to The Argus for advertising Assessors' notices.

$19.63 to the United Gas and Improvement Company.

$10 to Herring & Co. for moving safe in District Court.

Charged to Contingent Fund.

$25 to John Rickerich, for moving District Court from City Hall to 109 Hudson street.

Charged to Contingent Fund.

$350 to John Boyd, for painting, papering, &c., Mayor's Office in City Hall.

Charged to Contingent Fund.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the veto of his Honor the Mayor on the payment of the claim of Henry Dillon of $60 00 for services rendered the City was taken from the table, and the Clerk read the veto, which was as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, June 3d, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN: The resolution concurring in the payment of the Board of Public Works of the claim of Henry Dillon for $60 00 is herewith returned without my signature. This claim was passed by the Board of Public Works March 16 last, and I find that the same Board passed April 22 two other claims for him, respectively, for $67 50 and $37.50, for "repairing water gates." I do not believe that any service whatever was at any time rendered for either of the three claims, but that on the contrary the claims are an absolute swindle, as a great many other claims that have been passed by both Boards. I take it for granted that your Board has not made any investigation in this case.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND,
Mayor.

By Mr. Jordan:

Moved that the resolution ordering the payment of the claim of Henry Dillon do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Board January 5th, 1885, ordering a warrant drawn in favor of the Hudson County National Bank for the sum of $95.36, being amount paid in error on Bank Stock of Walter Burroughs, it having been represented that the said Walter Burroughs was a non-resident, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Walter Burroughs for the sum of $95.36, being amount paid in error on tax of Bank Stock, the said Walter Burroughs being at the time said tax was levied a resident of the City of Elizabeth.

By Mr. Hardenburgh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be authorized to purchase 1,163 copies of the act known as the Martin Act as prepared in pamphlet form, at a cost not to exceed $133.33, said copies having been forwarded to ex-Mayor Collins subject to the order of this Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Freeholders be invited to meet the Committee on Finance and Claims of this Board, touching all matters in dispute, relative to taxes as between the City of Jersey City and the County of Hudson.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas questions have arisen in relation to certain claims which have been ordered paid by the Board of Public Works and sent to this Board for concurrence; therefore

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be directed to notify the Board of Public Works that this Board will not concur in any claims from the Board of Public Works unless such bills be particularly itemized, reported correct by the proper committee and certified by the Chief Engineer.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be taken from the contingent fund of this Board and set apart for the use of his Honor the Mayor, the said sum to be used in payment of such clerical help as he may need to assist him in the discharge of his duties.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested not to sign the claim of Henry Dillon, amounting to $60.00, until further notice from this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 17th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of James H. Love, Peter Bentley, Lyman S. Andrews, William Keeney, S. M. Van Winkle for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Cornelius S. See, attorney, requesting payment of a judgment obtained by Ernest H. Hilchen against Jersey City in the First District Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co. of $15 76 for gas consumed in City Hall from April 30th to May 31st, 1886.

Claim of Alexander Hamill of $29.41 for shutters for City Hall vaults.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $141 50 for advertising.

Claim of Kilcauley & Martin of $16.70 for taking down and storing stoves in City Hall.

Claim of Davidson & Co. of $7.70 for printing briefs.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury June 11th to 17th, 1886, both days included, to be $33,820.57.

Received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid the claim of Albert Datz, was received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $3,135.30.

2. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the following petitions for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

James H. Love, Peter Bentley, Lyman S. Andrews, William Keeney and S. M. Van Winkle.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$7.70 to Davison & Co., for printing briefs.

$16.70 to Kilcauley & Martin for taking down and storing stoves in City Hall

$29 41 to Alexander Hamill for iron shutters for vaults in City Hall.

$15.76 to the United Gas and Improvement Co., for gas consumed in City Hall from April 30th to May 31st, 1886.

$4 to Wm. D. Connell to repairing wash basin in the Mayor's office.

$7.20 to P. J. Kelleher for towels furnished City Marshal.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, on account of county tax of 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday June 24th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from the citizens and taxpayers of the Fourth Aldermanic district requesting that immediate action be taken in reference to the dedication of the unused portion of the Reservoir for a public park, and requesting that $10,000 be appropriated for that purpose.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of John B. Lemaire to have taxes corrected.

Petition of C. S. See, attorney, requesting that certain sales made for taxes be apportioned.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from G. P. Howell and Cornelius S. See, attorney.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Invitation from the Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company requesting that this Board investigate the system on Monday, June 28th, 1886, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The invitation was received and accepted.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of B. H. Manning of $135.50 for carpenter work in Mayor's office.

Claim of John Mullins of $645 for furniture, &c., for Mayor's office.

Claim of Davison & Co. of $12.60 for printing, &c.

Claim of John Boyd of $78 for painting, papering and glazing ceilings

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Collector reported that he had received in his office for collection, the following assessment map:

Improvement Central avenue from Bowers to Congress street, amounting to $10,238.05.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptrollet reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, June 18 to 24, 1886, both days included, to be $49,810.79.

Received and ordered filed

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

JERSEY CITY, June 24, 1866.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Please order a warrant drawn for $111 for clerical help for the Mayor to June 30, 1886, and oblige

Vety respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND,
Mayor.

The communication was recesved and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Clerk enclosing copy of a writ of certiorari issued by the N. J. Supreme Court at the suit of the State. Charles Isham, prosecutor, to review sale made for taxes of 1881.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from the City Clerk enclosing a writ of certiorari issued by the N. J. Supreme Court at the suit of P. Sanford Ross and Joseph B. Sandford to review assessment for taxes of 1885, on personal property of prosecutors.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen enclosing claim of Frank Stevens, agent, for rent of First District Court from May 10 to July 1, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Nicholas Nolan for an adjustment of an assessment stating that there are not sufficient grounds stated in the petition to justify the Board in granting the petitioners request.

The opinion together with the subject matter were ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting concurrence in the action of said Board in relation to the dedication of the unused portion of Reservoir No. 3 for a public park.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Advertising for sale a portion of the wall around Reservoir No. 3.

2. Authorizing the Board to expend $400, being one-half the amount for a steam launch.

3. Construction of a sewer in Patterson street from 135 feet east of Passaic avenue to Pearce avenue.

4. Authorizing committee to advertise for 1,000 lengths of 6 inch cast iron water pipe.

5. Transferring the unused portion of Reservoir No. 3 to the Board of Aldermen to be used as a public park.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes,

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from C. S. See, attorney for E. H. Hilchen, requesting payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Cornelius S. See, attorney for Ernest H. Hilchen for the sum of $83.52, being the amount of judgment and costs obtained against the city by Ernest H. Hilchen in the First District Court of Jersey City. The warrant for said amount not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment approved by the Corporation Counsel is filed with the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the month of April, 1886, amounting to $1,502 67.

2. Authorizing the expenditure of $400 for the purchase of a steam launch for the use of the Inspector of the Passaic river.

3. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of June, 1886, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries for the month of June, 1886, when due, viz:

Orestes Cleveland, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
John T. M. Kaylar	100 00
William H. Tuttle	83 33
Christopher Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, messenger	60 00
Harry F. Crawford, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
Richard Boucher, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Thomas J. McEwan, Jr., 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
A. W. Edson, City Superintendent of Public Schools	216 66
L D. Fowler, Assessment Clerk	150 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00
Publishing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Honora Lamb	25 00

The same committee reported the salary list for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending June 30th, 1886.

Emil E Datz	$125 00
A. A. Hardenbergh	125 00
John Edelstein	125 00
Thomas D. Jordan	125 00
William D. Reynolds	125 00

The same committee reported as follows:

On petition of Messrs. D. & A. Kingsland & Sutton.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the sale for taxes of 1870 against lot No. 1, Block 25 Sussex street, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition, the taxes for said year having been paid to the former City Collector John B. Haight.

On petition of Margaret Tappan.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Margaret Tappan for the sum of $29.31, being amount paid twice for taxes of 1884 on lot 19, block 393, No. 350 Pavonia avenue, as per certificate of City Collector attached to the petitioner, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

The same Committee reported on petition of Edwin Van Houten and G. P. Howell for compromise of assessment, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims: $141 to the Evening Journal, $26.50 to Albert Datz, $12.60 to Davison & Co.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Edelstein the claim of John Mullins of $645 for furnishing the Mayor's office was r ferred to Mr. Reynolds for investigation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of July, 1886, interest:

On General Account	$27,530 60
On General Account	20,000 00
On General Account, to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	31,180 00
On General Account, to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	30,000 00
On Water Account	30,000 00
On Water Account	27,315 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of forty-eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars to transfer that amount from January, 1886, interest to general account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars to transfer that amount from general account to July, 1885, interest.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ninety thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from water to general account as a loan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Orestes Cleveland, Mayor, for the sum of $111, in payment of clerical help to June 30, 1886.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the several boards of the city government be requested to send to this Board by July 8th, 1886, their estimate for the next fiscal year.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted June 10th, 1886, the resolution directing the City Treasurer not to sign the warrant for the payment of the claim of Henry Dillon be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resotion rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh

By Mr. Jordan and carried.

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, July 8, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., unless sooner called by the chair.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 8th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications from Thomas Cavanagh requesting payment of a judgment obtained in the Hudson County Circuit Court vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of J. R. Van Syckle for the return of money paid twice on water rents.

Petition of Theodore Macknett for an adjustment of taxes.

Petition of O. E. Coles to have an assessment corrected.

Petitions of Lyman S. Andrews, Conrad Spengeman, Daniel Van Winkle, Alice E McGrath, S. N. Quimby, John Wright, Grace C. Snelling, estate of D. S. Gregory and John Stapleton for compromise of assessments

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $18 13 for gas consumed in City Hall from May 31st to June 30th, 1886.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $149 30 for gas fixtures for the Mayor's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $31 50 for stationery furnished City Collector's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $54 25 for stationery furnished assessors.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $155.50 for warrant books for City Clerk's office.

Claim of Albert Datz of $68.90 for stationery furnished the Mayor's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, July 6, 1886.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—Your resolution concurring in the resolution of the Board of Public Works authorizing the payment of $400 towards the purchase of a steam launch for the use of the Inspector of the Passaic River is herewith returned without my approval. This is one-half of the cost of the launch, Newark being expected to pay the other half. Already the joint Board that has made this purchase of a steamboat is trying to elect a crew for it. Several ballots were taken without result at the last meeting for the appointment of an engineer. The next step will be a fireman, then a pilot, then a deckhand, &c. One-half of all this expense will have to be paid by this city if we sanction the purchase of this steamboat. There is not the smallest excuse for this extravagance. There is nothing that could be done by the use of this boat that cannot be just as well done by the Inspector himself in a row boat, and that is what he is for. The distance to be patrolled is very short. I am satisfied that the object of this purchase is outside the duty of the Inspector. If a steamboat is wanted for fishing or pleasure Jersey City is too poor to assist in the purchase.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND, Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Estimates of appropriations required by the several Boards of the city government for the fiscal year 1886 and 1887, were as follows:

Board of Fire Commissioners—	
For salaries	$82,935
For general account	21,000
For hose	3,000
For two (2) new hook and ladder trucks	4,000
For rental, fitting up premises, etc., for engine to be located at Greenville	2,000
Total	$112,935
Board of Police Commissioners—	
For station houses and prisons	$15,520
For lamps and lights	90,000
For hospitals and dispensaries	11,170
For salaries	217,934
For rentals	1,540
Total	$333,164
Board of Aldermen—	
For Relief of Outdoor Poor	$15,000
For Printing, Stationery and Supplies	3,000
For Publication of City Ordinances in bookform	500
For Rent of Armories and Supplies	5,500
For Elections	11,000
Care and improvement of Public Grounds and Buildings	3,000
Urinals for Parks and sewer connections for same	800
For Improvement of Hamilton Park	10,000
For Payment of salaries City Clerk, City Marshal and Overseer of the Poor	5,000
For Celebration of the Fourth of July.	1,000
For Observance of Decoration Day	200
For Removal of trees dangerous to life and limb	200
For District Courts	10,350
For Improvement of Aldermanic Chamber	1,000
For new wagons for Overseer of the Poor	500
For an assistant to the Overseer of the Poor	500
For a floating salt water bath	5,000
For salary of Inspector of Buildings under act approved April 28th, 1886.	1,500
For improving land owned by the city and purchased for Reservoir purposes and not required for such purpose and to render the same suitable for its use by the public as a Park as provided for by act concerning cities passed June 1	10,000
For care and safety of said Park	1,000
	$85,050

All of the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen calling attention to the dangerous condition of the First precinct police station on Gregory street.

Communication from the medical staff of the Jersey City Charity Hospital urging the advisibility of obtaining an outlet on Montgomery street to secure proper drainage.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Communication from the City Clerk enclosing certain demands of creditors of John McLaughlin, contractor.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Henry F. Crawford, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax stating that he had collected since the date of his last report the sum of $3,485.61.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting that $30,000 be placed in the tax levy for a pump at High Service and $17,000 for three boilers at Belleville.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $350.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $1,320.

3. Ordering paid claim of A. R Leeds, amounting to $125, for services as chemist for six months ending June 30th, 1886.

4. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of Vreeland street from Grand street to Bay View avenue.

5. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of Vreeland street from Grand street to Bay View avenue.

2. Ordering paid claim of Charles Freeman of $37.50 for extra services as clerk during the month of May, 1886.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $1,320.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $350.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Dennis McCarron to have sales for water rents cancelled, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Dennis McCarron to have cancelled off record the sales for water rents of 1870 on lot pt. one, block 413 Merseles street, be not granted, for the reason that the records show that the property was covered by buildings for the said year and liable to be taxed for water rents.

The same committee reported on petitions of John Wright, Grace C. Snelling, Estate of D. B. Gregory, John Stapleton, D. Van Winkle and Alice E. McGrath for compromise of assessments, recommending that they beg ranted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Whereas, The time limited for the payment of taxes of 1882, levied and assessed according to law on lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits of Jersey City has expired and a portion of the taxes for said year remains unpaid, as appears by the list of unpaid taxes for said year, prepared by the City Collector from the books in his office and laid before this Board for action thereon; therefore

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to sell at public auction, pursuant to the City Charter of Jersey City and the supplements thereto and the general laws of this State applicable thereto, after making advertisement and giving such notice of said sale as required by law, said lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits of Jersey City for the taxes of said year of 1882 that have been assessed and remain unpaid at the time of said sale for the non-payment of said tax, together with all interest and costs thereto added, pursuant to said charter and supplements and the general laws of this State applicable thereto, and that said sale may be continued from day to day until all the property is offered for sale, and that the City Treasurer shall purchase for the city all property upon which the taxes remain unpaid at the end of the sale; and be it further

Resolved, That a special committee of two be appointed to confer with the managers of the official newspapers regarding the costs of advertising property to be sold for unpaid taxes, and that said committee be authorized to arrange and contract with the managers of the official newspapers for the sale in question, said contract when made to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Reynolds and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion President Datz and Mr. Hardenbergh were appointed as a committee of two to arrange and prepare the necessary contract, &c., &c.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 22, 1886, to wit:

"Resolved, That with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation and approval of the Mayor, this Board of Aldermen do hereby assume control of the land owned by the city and purchased for purposes connected with the water works and adjoining reservoir No. 3, and not required for said purpose, and that this Board intend to prepare and allow the same to be used by the public as a park or place of recreation," be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, July 19, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, July 19th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Isaac Romaine, attorney for R. B. Seymour, requesting payment of a judgment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and claims.

Petition of Susan J. Wortendyke to have assessments adjusted.

Petition of Thomas Macknett for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of James C. Stead for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of David Post to have taxes adjusted.

Petition of C. H. Winfield to have an assessment adjusted.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Frank J Mathews, George C. Tiesken, F. Lembke, William Keeney, C. S. See, A. Odenheimer, Adam Kessler, I. S. Taylor, P. L. Van Winkle and Mrs J. Burgaller.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Frank Stevens, agent, of $83 34 for rent of First District court room from May 10 to June 30, 1886.

Claim of Frank Stevens, agent, of $50 for rent of First District court room for the month of July, 1886

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $16 06 for messenger service for the month of June, 1886.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Co. of $15 for ice delivered at City Hall from June 19th to July 19th, 1886.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $4 for one cherry umbrella stand for the Mayor's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury July 13th to 19th, 1886, both days included, to be $40,748.54.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk in relation to the claims of certain creditors of John McLaughlin, contractor.

Received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Thomas Cavanagh, stating that petitioner should set forth in petition the facts as to when the judgment was obtained, the amount of the judgment, costs, etc., etc.

Received and ordered filed.

Estimates of appropriations required by the several Boards of the city government for the fiscal year 1886 and '87 as follows:

Board of Education—	
Teachers' Salaries	$217,442 00
Fuel	10,000 00
Officers of Board	4,600 00
Janitors Salaries	16,000 00
Books, Stationery, Music and Free Library	15,000 00
Rentals	1,200 00
Furniture, Repairs, Gas, Heating and Ventilating	15.000 00
Printing and Blanks	1,200 00
Janitors Supplies	1.500 00
Census	2.000 00
Annual Report	300 00
Suggestions for new Buildings and Extensions	50 000 00
Total	$334,242 00
Board of Public Works:	
For cleaning streets and removing ashes and garbage	$ 27,999 96
For cleaning sewers and removing the refuse	12.000 00
For repairing and trimming unpaved streets	10,000 00
For reconstruction of streets and sewers	25.000 00
For incidental account	2,000 00
For public grounds and buildings	500 00
For insurance on public buildings	500 00
For salaries of Commissioners	3.000 00
For salaries of Clerks	2,700 00
For salaries of Street Commissioner	1,500 00
For salaries of Sewer Inspector	1.200 00
For printing and stationery	1.200 00
For Engineering Bureau	14,000 00
For repairs to public schools and buildings	10,000 00
For repairs to Engine house No 3	5,500 00
For repairs to First precinct station house	1.500 00
For new school house and grounds	40.000 00
For mountain road wall	2,000 00
	$160,599.96

Both the above estimates were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an additional appropriation of $400 for the purpose of placing the names of streets on lamps standing at street intersections.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Official bond of Cornelius Healy, Jr., as Water Registrar in the sum of $50,000, with John D. Fraser, Patrick H. Nugent, James Hunt, Dennis McLaughlin and Cornelius Healy, Sr., as sureties.

Official bond of Henry J. Powell as City Wharfinger in the sum of $5,000, with James Coyle and Patrick Cogan as sureties.

Both the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $433.

2. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $513.33.

3. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $391.

4. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $513 33.

5. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $1,407.10.

6 Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month ending June 30, 1886, amounting to $706.78.

7. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $1,231.98.

8. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $3,168 76.

9. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of June, 1886, amounting to $270.63

10. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $204 50.

11. Extending the powers of the Board of Pollution.

12 Construction of a tunnel at the foot of Washington street.

13. Appointment of certain employes.

14. Fixing salaries of certain employees.

15. Remitting interest on water rents due from churches.

16. Awarding contract to Samuel Overton for sewer in Hancock avenue.

17. Improvement of Manhattan avenue from Sherman to Central avenue.

18. Awarding damages for opening, widening and changing as to boundaries of Noble street.

19. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bond of Cornelius Healy, Jr., as water registrar recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in :

1. Awarding contract to Samuel Overton for the construction of a sewer in Bleecker street from a point 50 feet east of Durham avenue to Pearce avenue.

2. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neill for the construction of a sewer in Hutton street from 100 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue.

3 Improvement of 12th street from Henderson street to Jersey avenue.

4. Appointing certain employes.

5 Three pay rolls of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs.

6. Six pay rolls Committee on Extensions and Distributions.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1886, for repairing hydrants, amounting to $433.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Frank J. Matthews, F Lembke, George C. Tiecken, William Keeney, C. S, See, A. Odenheimer, Sam Kessler, Isaac S. Taylor, G. P. Howell, P. L. Van Winkle and Mrs. J. Burgaller for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$155 50 $31 50 and $54 25 to Jordan Stationery Co ; $18.13 to the United Gas and Improvement Co.; $68 90 to A. Datz.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his Honor the Mayor on the resolution authorizing the expenditure of $400 (being one half the amount) for the purchase of a steam launch for the use of the Inspector of the Passaic River be taken from the table.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Moved, That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Whereas, This Board did at its last meeting concur in a resolution of the Board of Aldermen authorizing said Board to assume control of the land owned by Jersey City, purchased for purposes connected with the Water Works of this city, and prepare and allow the same to be used as a public park, and

Whereas, The wall around said property was erected at a cost to this city of $196,000 or thereabouts, and is much too valuable to be given away by the city at this time; therefore

Resolved, That the stone and other material composing said wall shall not be disposed of in any manner except at public sale under the directions of the Board of Public Works of this city.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be respectfully requested to take action on the act submitted to them and known as the Martin Act for the compromise of taxes, as many owners of real estate are awaiting the benefit of its provisions to discharge by compromise taxes due and unpaid for several years past.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to furnish to the official papers forthwith the lists of all property to be sold for unpaid taxes of 1882, the rate of compensation to be fixed by this Board hereafter.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Isaac Romaine, Attorney for R. B. Seymour, for the sum of $616.90 to satisfy his judgment set forth in his

petition, said warrant to be delivered upon a certificate of the Corporation Counsel that the amount is correct and that a proper satisfaction of said judgment be filed with the City Clerk; and further,

Resolved, That all other warrants heretofore drawn be cancelled.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Friday, July 23d, 1886, at 5:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, July 23d, 1886, at 5 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Louis V. Booream, C. S. See and A. B. Dayton.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Abel I. Smith, attorney for John Gardner, requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from Alderman Cator requesting the Board to increase the appropriations for Armories.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company of $17.75 for rent of instrument and tollage from April 1st to July 1st, 1886.

Claim of Albert Datz of $48 for stationery City Comptroller's office.

Claim of George F. McAneny of $5.75 for expenses to Trenton.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Stephen P. Yoe as Assistant Water Registrar in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with John S. Edwards and Bernhard H. Pelzer as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor requesting that a warrant be ordered drawn to his order for clerical help.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting an increase of salaries of the clerks employed in his office.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from Thos. Cavanagh requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the city recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Cavanagh for the sum of five hundred and nineteen dollars and ten cents ($519.10), being amount of a certain judgment and costs obtained in the Hudson Circuit Court in the suit wherein the said Thomas Cavanagh was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants. Provided, however, that before said warrant is delivered a proper satisfaction of said judgment duly approved by the Corporation Counsel be filed with the City Clerk.

The same committee reported the official bonds of Stephen P. Yoe as Assistant Water Registrar and Henry J. Powell as City Wharfinger recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nayes having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of P. E. Martin, C. S. See, Louis A. Booream and A. B. Dayton for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Joseph R. Van Syckle for the return of money paid in error on water rents recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph R. Van Syckle for the sum of $40.60, being amount paid twice on water rents of 1866 on lots 235 and 245, block 235 Grove street, as per certificate of the Water Registrar attached to the petition; and be it further

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be notified.

The same Committee reported on petition of Charles H. Winfield requesting cancellation of sale recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon the payment of seventy-two dollars, with interest, the City Clerk be directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office the assessment made and levied against Charles H. Winfield on property in that section of Jersey City, formerly known as Greenville for the year 1872.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$5.75 to George F. McAneny.

$48 to Albert Datz.

$14.75 to the Jordan Stationery Co.

$4 to P. H. Hanley.

$16.06 to the American District Telegraph Company.

$149.30 to the United Gas and Improvement Company.

$135.30 to B. Manning.

$78 to John Boyd.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of August, 1886, interest.

On general account	$20,590
On general account	20,000
On water account	14,625

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Orestes Cleveland, Mayor, for the sum of $150, in payment of clerical help for the month of July, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $400 be awarded to the Joint Board on the pollution in the Passaic river, to be expended in such manner and for such purpose as said Joint Board may deem proper.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of July, 1886, recommending that it be adopted.

By Mr. Hardenberg, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, August 9, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 29th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—President Datz and Mr. Jordan.

In the absence of the President Mr. Hardenbergh was elected to act as President pro tempore.

The Clerk having read the call of the meeting to adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole on the appropriations for the several Boards of the City Government for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1886, and ending November 30, 1887.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Moved, That we do now go into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of appropriations necessary for the various departments of the city government for the next fiscal year.

After considering the estimates of appropriations received from the various departments, showing how much would be needed by them for the conduct of their business for the next fiscal year the committee arose and made the following report to the Board:

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the estimates and recommendations from all the Boards of Jersey City, including the appropriations for this Board, most respectfully report and recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present current year, for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1886, and ending November 30th, 1887, be fixed at one million four hundred and ninety three thousand eighty-two dollars and twenty cents ($1,493,082 20) as the appropriation and limit of the expenditure for the respective boards (except where, by law, it may be otherwise provided.) The above amount, together with the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes and the money to be paid to Jersey City under the act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10th, 1884, your committee recommend distributed among the several boards in the following manner as the limit of the expenditure of said boards for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, viz.:

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure of each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Public Works as follows:

For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the streets of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1st, 1886, (this appropriation is made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done or material furnished unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and the Board of Finance and Taxation	$2,333 33
For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1st, 1886. (This appropriation is made for payments under such contract or contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done, or material to be furnished unless the same be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation	$750 00
Reconstruction streets and sewers.	$1,041 66
Public grounds and buildings	41 66
Salaries	416 66
Printing and stationery	100 00
Engineering Bureau	833 33
Repairs to unpaved streets	416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Insurance	500 00
Repairs to Mountain Road wall	$1,000 00
Repairs to public school buildings.	3,000 00

Making the total for said Board of Public Works during said ensuing fiscal year seventy-five thousand six hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents ($75,699.60).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Aldermen as follows:

Relief of outdoor poor	$833 33
Printing, stationery and supplies.	158 33
Rent of armories and supplies	375 00
Salaries	416 66
Public grounds and buildings	208 33
Salary of Inspector of Buildings.	125 00
Cleaning First District Court	12 50

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Improvement of Hamilton Park	$3,000 00
Decoration Day	200 00
Elections	11,000 00
District Courts	10,000 00
Removing dangerous trees	200 00
Wagon for Overseer of Poor	250 00

Making the total amount of said Board of Aldermen during the said ensuing fiscal year, fifty thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty cents ($50,199 80).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended by the Board of Police Commissioners as follows:

Salaries	$14,166 66
Park police	225 00
Station houses and prisons	583 33
Lamps and lights	5,833 33
Hospitals and dispensaries	833 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Police Justices	$ 5,000 00
Rentals	1,540 00

Making total amount of said Board of Police Commissioners during the said ensuing fiscal year, two hundred and sixty-six thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eighty cents ($266,239 80).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

Salaries	$5,833 33
Claims	1,583 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Hose	$3,000 00
New truck	2,000 00
Rent of house at Greenville	1,000 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Fire Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year ninety-four thousand nine hundred and ninety nine dollars and ninety two cents ($94,-999.92).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Education as follows:

Teachers' salaries and fuel	$16,902 70
Salaries of Superintendent and Clerk	341 66
Salaries of Janitors	1,333 33
Books, stationery, music and Free Library	333 33
Rentals	100 00
Furniture, repairs, gas, heating and ventilating	500 00
Printing and blanks	83 33
Janitors' supplies	83 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Census	$2,000 00
Annual report	200 00
Repairs to Public School No. 11	500 00
" " " " " 12	500 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Education during the ensuing fiscal year two hundred and thirty-nine thousand, three hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixteen cents, ($239,332.16).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as follows:

Salaries	$4,333 33
Printing, stationery and supplies	416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

For interest and sinking funds, including $188,434 95 for sinking fund under act of 1884, to be used exclusively for the purchase and retirement of bonds, and in addition to the amount to be received by the city under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10th, 1884, (estimated at $188,434.95)	$862,201 67
Claims, legal expenses and judgments	10,000 00
Contingent fund	10,000 00
Payment on Greenville school	13,333 33
Deficiency on out-door poor	3 995 07
Deficiency on police salaries	10,186 89
Deficiency on elections	2,726 49

Making the total amount for said Board of Finance and Taxation during the ensuing fiscal year nine hundred and sixty-nine thousand four hundred and forty-three dollars and thirty-three cents ($969,443.33).

Recapitulation of the aggregate of yearly expenditures:

Board of Public Works	$75,699 60	
Board of Alderman	50,199 80	
Board of Police Commissioners	266,239 80	
Board of Fire Commissioners	94,999 92	
Board of Education	239,332 16	
Board of Finance and Taxation	969,443 33	
	$1,695,914 61	
Less amount to be received from State for Schools	$202,832 41	$1,493,082 20

And your Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as to the appropriations of the several Boards and the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the current year for the purposes of the several boards of the city government for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1886, and ending November 30th, 1887, be and the same are hereby received and adopted, and in conformity therewith the Board of Finance and Taxation, having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several boards do hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present year for the purposes of the said boards for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1886, and ending November 30th, 1887, both days included, at the sum of one million four hundred and ninety-three thousand eighty-two dollars and twenty cents ($1,493,082.20), and that sum together with the amount to be paid by the State to Jersey City for schools, and together with the amount to be paid to Jersey City under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, is hereby distributed among the several boards in the amounts as recommended by the said Committee of the Whole and the amounts thus fixed shall be the appropriations and limit of expenditure for the said purposes during the said fiscal year.

The report was received and ordered filed, and the resolution adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—President Datz and Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, August 9th, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John Coyle for return of money paid twice on assessments.

Petition of the Hudson County Mutual Building Association for compromise of taxes and assessments

Petition of Semler & Co. for return of money paid twice on water rents

Petition of Patrick Meath for the return of money paid twice on water rents.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Susan J. Wortendyke, Paul Haller, M. T. Newbold, Collins & Corbin, C. H. Isham, Trustee; C. Spengeman, Semler & Co., Joseph Warren, Agent; C. J. Cronin, A. H Dodd, William A. Lewis, Attorney, C. S. See, Isaac Romaine, Peter L. Van Winkle, George K. Mitchell, A. Bonnell, George C. Jacquin, William Harney & Son, Agents; George P. Howell, Agent; A. B. Dayton, and estate of W. Wright.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Frank Stevens, Agent, of $50 for rent of First District Court room for August, 1886.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $12 88 for gas consumed in City Hall from June 30th to July 31st, 1886.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasurey to this date to be $45.351.84

Received and ordered filed.

Itemized requisition from the City Collector.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education, requesting transfer of $467 39 from the Census account to the account of Furniture, Repairs and Gas fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a transfer of sufficient money to pay the salary of the Inspector of Buildings for the months of August, September, October and November, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following pay rolls were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for repairs to water pipe month of July, 1886, amounting to $950.25.

2. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for repairs to water pipe month of June, 1886, amounting to $1,153 37.

3 Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for repaving over pipe month of July, 1886, amounting to $99.

4. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for repaving over new pipe month of June, 1886, amounting to $82.50.

5. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for foreman for month of July, 1886, amounting to $538.33.

6. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for laying water pipe month of July, 1886, amounting to $126.50.

7. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments month of July, 1886, amounting to $1,670 03.

8. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for repairs to reservoir No. 3 month of July, 1886, amounting to $151.75.

9. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for High Service month of July, 1886, amounting to $3,110.42.

10. Pay roll Committee on Streets and Sewers, reconstruction for month of May, 1886, amounting to $988.92.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending that it be concurred in :

1. Construction of a sewer in Webster avenue from South to Bowers streets.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenberg and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Susan J. Wortendyke, Paul Haller, M. T. Newbold, Collins & Corbin, Conrad Spengeman, C. H. Isham, (Trustee), Semler & Co., Joseph Warren, C. J. Cronan, A. H. Dodd, Wm A. Lewis, C. S. See, Isaac Romaine, Peter L. Van Winkle, George K. Mitchell, A. Bonnell, George C. Jacquins, William Harney & Son, G. P. Howell, A. B. Dayton, estate of W. Wright.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds,

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the City Clerk and City Collector be and they are hereby directed to cancel all taxes and tax sales levied previous to the year 1885, and standing against lots Nos. 29, 30, 31 and 32, block 401, upon the payment of $536 53 divided as follows: 1876 to 1883, both inclusive, $60 each year, and 1884, $56.53 as duplicate assessments for taxes were levied against said property for said years.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the City Collector and City Clerk be and are hereby directed to cancel all sewerage taxes, sewerage tax sales, taxes, tax sales and assessments levied previous to the year 1885, and not heretofore ordered cancelled by this Board on blocks 444 and 446, as shown on Bacot's map of Jersey City, excepting lots represented by street numbers 385 to 397 inclusive in block 446, as shown on said map upon the payment of $3,110.22, divided as follows:

Sewerage taxes of 1867, $8 20; 1868, $8.20; 1869, $13.40; taxes for $1870, $54.08; 1871, $50; 1872, $75; 1873, $62; 1874, $90; 1875, $83; 1876, $85; 1877, $92.62; 1878, $88.68; 1879, $102.40; 1880, $104.94; 1881, 103 70; 1882, $107 82; 1883,

$121.84; 1884, $108.94; improvement of Newark avenue H 110, G 108, I 113, $1,750.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the City Clerk and City Collector be and are hereby directed to cancel all taxes and tax sales levied previous to the year 1885, and standing against Gore P. P. and B 2, block 447, upon the payment of $1,090, divided as follows:

Taxes for 1868, $25; 1869, $25; 1870, $70; 1871, $70; 1873, $75; 1874, $75; 1875, $75; 1876, $75; 1877, $75; 1878, $75; 1879, $75; 1880, $75; 1881, $75; 1882, $75; 1883, $75; $1884, $75; duplicate assessments for taxes having been levied against said property for said years.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars on account of county tax for 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Monday, August 30th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Monday, August 23d, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

In absence of the clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected clerk pro tem.

The clerk pro tem having read the call for a special meeting the Board proceeded with the following business:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of July, 1886, amounting to $1,670.03.

2. Six pay rolls Committee on Extensions and Distributions.

3 Two pay rolls Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of July, 1886.

4. Pay roll Committee on Streets and Sewers for the month of May, 1886, amounting to $988.92.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR, Clerk, pro tem.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, August 30, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

In the absence of the Clerk, John T. M. Kaylor was elected clerk pro tem.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Samuel H Clapp McGill and Taylor E P. Haslam and James Reid, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Myles F. McCartin, stating that he had turned over his books as Water Registrar to his successor, and requesting that an expert be appointed to examine the same.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Petition of Puster & Son and Adolph Luck, requesting the purchase of a new night-soil scow.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $29 for printing, &c.

Claim of the N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. of $17.75 for rent of instrument and tollage from April 1st, 1886, to July 1st, 1886.

Claim of THE ARGUS of $80 for printing manuals, pages 102 to 114, old Board, and pages 1 to 27, new Board—forty pages in all.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition was received from the City Clerk and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from his Honor, the Mayor, requesting a warrant for $150 to pay clerical help for the month of August, 1886.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from George C. Houghton, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, showing the total apportionment for Jersey City of State School moneys for the school year commencing September 1st, 1886, to be $202,-832.41.

Received and ordered filed.

Henry F. Crawford, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported that he had collected since the date of his last report the sum of $2,622.72.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of Laidlaw avenue, from Oakland to Central avenue.

2. Improvement of Summit avenue, from Sherman place to South street.

On motion the Board toook a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Improvement of Manhattan avenue from Sherman to Central avenue.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of August, 1886, recommending that it be adopted.

The same committee reported on petitions of Samuel H. Clapp, McGill & Taylor, E P. Haslam and James Reid for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Theodore Macknett recommending that the sum of twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents be returned, being a duplicate payment on water rents of 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported verbally on petition of Isaac N. Quimby for an adjustment of assessments recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$17.75 to the N. Y & N. J. Telephone Co. for rent of instrument and tollage from April 1st to July 1st, 1886.

$80 to the Argus for printing manuals pages 102 to 114, old Board, and 1 to 27 new Board, 40 pages in all.

$99.60 to the Argus for printing, etc.

$15 to the Chelsea Ice Co. for ice delivered at City Hall from June 19th to July 19th, 1886.

$15 to the Chelsea Ice Co. for ice delivered at City Hall from July 19th to August 19th, 1886.

$29 to Albert Datz for printing, etc.

$151.90 to Elijah T. Paxton for disbursements from December 4th, 1884, to May 1st, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of September, 1886; interest

on general account.....	$ 5,600 00
On water.....	19,000 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds.....	1,592 50

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Lawrence Buckley for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for services as Inspector of Buildings for the month of August, 1886, said amount to be charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Orestes Cleveland, mayor, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in payment of clerical help for the month of August, 1886.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of $3,531.22 from the account of claims, legal expenses and judgments to the ac-

count of salaries, Board of Finance and Taxation, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr, Jordan and carried, moved:

That, when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, September 6th, 1886, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLOR, Clerk pro tem.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, September 6th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Susan Luxton for the return of money paid in error on tax sales.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from J. Burgaller, Abram Van Horne Att'y and Emile Schick.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the County Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation, requesting that the Assessor of the First District be directed to assess the lands of the Central Railroad Company in Mason's Cove.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $44 for books for City Comptroller's office.

Received and referred to the Committee on Pinting, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $1.584.80 for publishing notice of sale of land for taxes of 1882.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from H. W. Carr, Chairman of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments requesting this Board to concur in the resolution authorizing this committee to advertise for proposals for water pipe.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from August 31st to September 6th, 1886, both days included, to be $18,747.82.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer of $723.36 from the appropriation for the improvement of city property in South Cove to the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $100 from the appropriation for the improvement of city property in South Cove to the appropriation for Public Buildings and Grounds, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for repairing hydrants, month of May, 1886, amounting to $190.12.

2. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of August, 1885, amounting to $1,711.69.

3. Pay-roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for repairing break at Hackensack River and Reservoir No. 3, month of May, 1885, amounting to $862 73.

4 Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reseservoirs for the month of August, 1886, amounting to $3,122.68.

5. Agreement to furnish water to the Soldiers' Home in Kearney at the same rate and terms as now paid by the Township of Harrison.

6. Appointment of workmen to repair hydrants, &c.

7. Improvement of Jackson avenue from the southerly side of the right of way of the Newark and New York Railroad to Fulton avenue.

8. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $467.39 from the account of census to the account of furniture repairs and gas, Board of Education, fiscal year 1885 and '86.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessmeuts for the month of August, 1886, amounting to $1,711.69.

2. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of August, 1886, amounting to $3,122 68.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of Laidlaw avenue from Oakland to Central avenue.

4. Awarding contract to Samuel Overton for the construction of a sewer in Hancock avenue from Congress to South street.

5. Two resolutions oderering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Abram Van Horne, attorney for M. DeMott, Vreeland, Susan Wortendyke and J. Burgaller for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports the resolutions and recommendations were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted August 9th, 1886, to wit:

Whereas, About the year 1870 a section of lot 8, block 306, containing 500 square feet, was taken for the widening of Montgomery street and no compensation allowed to the owner of said lot for said land taken; therefore

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the assessment made against said lot for said widening, amounting to $247.78, confirmed June 2, 1874, provided, however, that before this resolution shall go into effect, a report setting forth that no compensation was paid for said land, and that such a cancellation would be equitable and just, be filed with the Clerk of this Board by L. D. Fowler, assessment clerk

of the Board of Public Works," be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of five thousand dollars on account of taxes of 1884.

By Hr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of five thousand dollars on account of taxes of 1885.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the vote by which was passed August 30th, 1886, the claim of E. T. Paxton of $151.90 for disbursements as Corporation Attorney from Dec. 1st, 1883 to May, 1884, be and the same is hereby reconsidered, and the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant for the same,

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, The city of Charleston has been lain waste by an earthquake, the most awful in its consequences known since the establishment of our Union, and

Whereas, It behooves us to tender our material sympathy to the sufferers thereby in this hour of their calamity; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while as members of the Board of Finance we have no authority to make tender of the benevolence of Jersey City towards our sister city of Charleston, we do nevertheless express our warm commendation of the utterances of the public press of this city for their relief, and do invite our citizens either through said public press or the Mayor of our city as they may elect to render such contributions as they may deem proper to stay the tides of ruin and of misery which have been occasioned, and ighten as far as we may find possible the urdens of sorrow and grief now resting upon them.

Resolved, That when such contributions shall be completed his Honor the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to his Honor the Mayor of the stricken city of Charleston.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That Thomas Kenny be and he is hereby appointed as an expert to examine the account of Myles F. McCartin, late Water Registrar, in order to establish the correctnesss of the same at an expense not to exceed six hundred dollars.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the above resolution be laid over until the next regular meeting.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenburgh and Reynolds.

Nays—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourn it will adjourn to meet Monday, September 20th, 1886, at 7,30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, September 20th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion of Mr. Jordan the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Mrs. F. W. Kline, for the return of money overpaid on taxes of 1884.

Petition of Cornelius S. See, attorney for Richard Harmon, requesting payment of an award for widening West Grand street.

Petition of Michael Nolan, requesting the return of money paid on an assessment.

Petition of J. B. Vreedenburgh, attorney, requesting the return of money paid in excess on taxes.

Petition of J. B. Vreedenburgh, attorney, requesting the cancellation of certain tax sales.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Maria Schannman, J. A. and E. A. Scott, Martin Minchard, George W. Heritage, R. B. Wortendyke and the Provident Institution for Savings.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $1,512 for advertising tax sales.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co. of $10.65 for gas.

Claim of Albert Datz of $40 for books for the City Comptroller.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $20 for stationery.

Claim of Frank Stevens of $50 for rent of First District Court room.

All the above claims were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Collector received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from Sept. 14th to 20th, 1886, both days included, to be $18,976 37.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Appointment of men to shut off water.
2. Appointment of A. F. Smith as storekeeper at pipe yard.
3. Improvement of Webster avenue from Prospect to North street.
4. Pay Roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for August, 1886, amounting to $1,112.25
5. Pay Roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for August, 1886, for laying water pipe amounting to $732.
6. Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for repairing and blowing off hydrants for August, 1886, amounting to $260.
7. Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, re-assessing Jersey City for August, 1886, amounting to $210.
8. Pay Roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions. Foremen and employes in water department for August, 1886, amounting to $563 33.
9. Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments. Repairing and blowing off hydrants July, 1886, amounting to $190.
10. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding damages for the opening, widening and changing, as to boundaries, of Noble street from the old Bergen road to the Morris canal
2. Awarding damages for the opening, widening and changing, as to boundaries, of Jackson avenue from Myrtle to Fulton avenue.
3. Improvement of Jackson avenue from the southerly side of the right of way of the Newark and New York railroad to Fulton avenue.
4. Authorizing Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for proposals for 1,000 lengths of 6 inch cast iron water pipe.
5. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of James C. Stead and Patrick Meath for the return of money paid twice on water rents.

On petition of John Coyle for the return of money paid twice on assessments.

On petitions of the Hudson County Mutual Building Association, Emile Schick, The Provident Institution for Savings, R. P. Warlendizke, George W. Heritage, Martin Minchard and I. A. and E. A. Scott for compromise of assessments, recommending that all the above petitions be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Frank Stevens, agent, for the sum of $183 34, for rent of First District Court room, from May 10th to August 31st, and that said warrant be charged to the Contingent Fund.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, September 27th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, September 27th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Eliza McDonald, Administratrix of the Estate of Goggin, deceased, for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Hugh Miller, Jacob Van Wagenen, Maria Schrauman, Geo. F. Luxton, Thos. E. Bray, A. J. C. Foy, Elizabeth F. Graves, Rebecca Ely, William Weidig and Richard Quinn.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Peter Semler, Jr., requesting payment of certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Elizabeth Daily Journal of $133.33 for copies of the Martin Act.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler of $1,512 for advertising tax sales.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Marshal for twenty tons of coal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor, requesting that a warrant be drawn to his order for the sum of $150, in payment of clerical help for September, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting a further appropriation of $5,511.96 to the account of salaries in order to meet the increased salaries under an act of the Legislature.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Communication from L. D. Fowler, Assessment Clerk, stating that Nicholas Nolan has no legal claim for return of money paid on the assessment for improvement of Monmouth street, and requesting that the Board refuse to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment maps:

Sewer in Morris street from Washington to Greene amounting to $1,683 00.

Sewer in Sherman ave., Griffith to Hutton street, amounting to $2,382,00.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptrollor reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury September 21st to 27th, 1886, both days included, to be $18,507 02.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of July, 1886, amounting to $253.50.

2. Appointment of William Burns as foreman on repairs to hydrants at a salary of $75 per month. Also John J. Kelly for blowing off hydrants at $2 per day.

3. Construction of a sewer in Railroad avenue from Coles to Monmouth street.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $46.45 from incidental account to account of reconstruction of streets and sewers fiscal year 1884–85.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, repairing hydrants, month of May, 1886, $190.12.

2. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, repairing break on Hackensack reservoir No. 3, May, 1886, $862.73.

3. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, repairing and blowing off hydrants, August, 1886, $260.

4. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, reassessing Jersey City, August, 1886, $210.

5 Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, repairing and blowing off hydrants, July, 1886, $190.

6. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions (foremen), month of August, 1886, $563.33.

7. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, August, 1886, $732.

8. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions, repairs to water pipe, August, 1886, $1,112.25.

9. Construction of a sewer in Paterson street, from 135 feet east of Passaic to Pearce avenue.

10. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of September, 1886; also the salary list for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending September 30th, 1886, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn for the same.

The same committee reported on petitions of Richard Quinn, William Weidig, Rebecca Ely, Elizabeth F. Graves, A. J. C. Foye, Geo. F. Luxton, Maria Schrauman, Hugh Miller and Jacob Van Wagenen, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of John Fiacre for the return of $10 14, amount paid twice on water rents.

On petition of James B. Vreedenburgh to have tax sales cancelled.

On petion of Frederick W. Eddy to be allowed to pay the taxes on real estate, and to have the personal tax separated from his bills.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the

committee were received, and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited by the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of October, 1886. interest.

On General Account	$23,000 00
On General Account	23,070 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	16,065 00
On Water Account	14,000 00
On Water Account	14,000 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), to transfer that amount from general account to water account, to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of seventy thousand dollars ($70,000) be borrowed from the Sinking Fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand, as the evidence of such indebtedness.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Orestes Cleveland, Mayor, for the sum of $150 for clerical help for the month of September, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Thursday, October 7th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held in the City Hall Monday, September 27th, 1886, at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of seventy thousand dollars ($70,000) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 7th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Lyman S. Andrews, Anton Balle A. Van Horne, L. Collett, William McCune, Henry Gaede, Andrew Clerk, E. M. Harding, Marcus Beach, Minnie H. Linn and the estate of Richard G Sip, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $26 for printing manuals, pages 32 to 44, both inclusive.

Claim of Jordan Stationery Co. of $108 for stationery.

Claim of Jordan Stationery Co. of $222 for tax bills for City Collector.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $37 61 for messenger service from July 1st to October 1st, 1886.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $14 for stationery furnished Corporation Counsel.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of the Argus of $1,512 for publishing tax sales.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized Requisitions were received from the City Collector, City Comptroller and City Marshal, all of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with Power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury October 1st to October 7th, 1886, both days included, to be $36,029.44.

The report was received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk, requesting that certain maps now in his possession be copied and placed in a map case.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting that an amount not exceeding $2,000 be appropriated by this Board to meet the deficiency on election account.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for the month of August, 1886, amounting to $42.

2. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of September, 1886, amounting to $1,753.36.

3. Resolution in reference to the unsafe condition of Engine House No. 3, on Mercer street.

4. Improvement of York street, from Monmouth street to Varick street.

5. Four resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled with the following members:

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr, Edelstein.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the following resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers, recommending that they be granted:

1. Transfer of $100 from the appropriation to city property to the appropriation for public buildings and grounds, fiscal year 1885 and '86.

2. Transfer of $46.45 from incidental account to the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers, fiscal year 1884 and '85.

3. Transfer of $723.36 from the appropriation for the improvement of city property in South Cove to the appropriation for the reconstruction of streets and sewers, fiscal year, 1885 and '86.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of September, 1886, amounting to $1,753.36.

2. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Lyman S. Andrews, Anton Balle, Abram Van Horne, L. Collett, William McCune, Henry Gaede, Andrew Clerk, E. M. Harding, Marcus Beach, Minnie H. Linn, and the estate of Richard G. Sip for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Mrs. F. W. Kline:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Mrs. F. W. Kline for the sum of $10 overpaid as interest on taxes of 1884, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of James Vreedenburgh, Attorney:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of James B. Vreedenburgh, attorney, for the sum of $64.31, being amount overpaid on lots 17 to 20, inclusive, block 365, for taxes of 1880 and 1881, and be it

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cancel the sale made for taxes of 1880, 1881, on lots 17 to 20, inclusive, block 365.

On petitionof James B. Vreedenburgh, attorney:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of James B. Vreedenburgh, attorney, for the sum of $112.51, being amount overpaid on taxes of 1882 to 1885, inclusive, lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 365.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$133.33 to the Elizabeth Daily Journal for copies of the Martin act.

$20 to Jordan Stationery Company for stationery.

$50.50 to Albert Datz for printing reports of committees.

$44 to Albert Datz for books for City Comptroller.

$40 to Albert Datz for books for City Comptroller.

$50 to Frank Stevens for rent of 1st District Court for month of September, 1886.

$10.90 to John W. Harrison.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committe were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Lawrence Buckley for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for services as Inspector of Buildings for month of September, 1886, said amount to be charged to the contingent fund of this Board.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to investigate the claim of Diedrich Pohlman against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and upon which an action has been commenced in the Hudson County Circuit Court of this State, and if he shall be satisfied that said claim is just and legal, he is hereby authorized and directed to grant a relicta in said action.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 14th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Frank L. Clark, attorney, requesting payment of a judgment obtained by Diedrich Pohlman in the Hudson County Circuit Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of Harriet E. Van Horne for cancellation of an erroneous assessment.

Petition of Abram Collard to have an assessment corrected.

Petition of Luke Clark for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Lawrence, Cronin & Co., C. C. Jewell, G. P. Howell, A. Collard, W. W. Corcoran, and J. A. Lewis, for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company of $15.15 for gas in City Hall during September, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Harry F. Crawford, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported the receipts since the date of his last report to be $309.55.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $500 from the account of repairs to engine house No. 3 to the account of Engineering Bureau fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1886, amounting to $580.83.

2. Pay roll, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for repairing Hackensack pipe and reservoir No. 3, April, 1886, $311.71.

3. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers, reconstruction, June, 1886, $513.75.

4. Appointment of Thomas Moran as helper to blacksmith at $2.50 per day to take effect October 1st, 1886.

5. Awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of New York avenue from South to North streets.

6. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for sewer in Ogden avenue from Franklin street to 500 feet southerly.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of Frank L. Clark, attorney, requesting payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Frank L. Clark, attorney, for Diedrich Poblman for the sum of $247.66, being amount of a judgment recovered by Diedrich Pohlman against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in the Hudson County Circuit Court, the warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment, approved by the Corporation Counsel, be filed with the City Clerk.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $500 from the account of repairs to Engine House No. 3 to the account of Engineering Bureau, fiscal year 1885 and '86.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an extra appropriation to the account of elections recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That pursuant to the request of the Board of Aldermen this Board sanctions an expenditure by said Board of Aldermen of an amount not exceeding $2,000, in addition to an amount heretofore appropriated, to pay claims incurred in the coming registry and election, and that the City Comptroller be authorized to charge such extra expenditure to general account until the further order of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, foreman, etc., month of February, 1886, amounting to $568.33.

2. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, etc., month of February, 1886, amounting to 2,046.75.

3. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, repairs to pipe, February, 1886, amounting to $1,317.90.

4. Resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Harriett E. Van Horne, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to cancel, of record on the books in his office, the assessment against property described as Block 324, Lot 24, No. 218 Coles street, amounting to $14.60, for the taxes of 1885, said assessment being erroneous.

The same committee reported on petitions of Lawrence, Cronin & Co., C. C. Jewell, G. P. Howell, A. Collard, W. W. Corcoran and J. A. Lewis for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds—

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cancel the sale made to the City Treasurer for taxes from 1872 to 1882 of parts 26 to 29 A in Block 400, for the reason that said property is in the lines of Division street and erroneously assessed. And that the City Clerk be directed to cancel the sale of north half of lot 2, Division street and Hoboken avenue, in the name of Gracie or Coles, for taxes from 1876 to 1881, to the City Treasurer, for the reason that said property was twice assessed for said years and once paid.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to communicate with the Chief Engineer and ascertain what claims and pay rolls presented to the Board of Public Works have not been sent to this Board for concurrence, in order that this Board may determine what proper claims remain unpaid, and order the direct payment of all legal claims, if any such there be.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board be directed to communicate with the Assessors and notify them to file their books with this Board, on or before October 21st, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 21st, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Lewis H. Broome for an adjustment of an assessment.

Petition of William H. Speer for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Lewis H. Broome to have an error in taxes of 1883 and 1884 corrected.

Petition of Daniel E. Van Winkle for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Chelsea Ice Co. of $15 for ice delivered at City Hall from September 20th to October 20th, 1886.

Claim of M. Kilcauley of $38.95 for repairing furnace, &c., &c.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $100 for twenty tons of coal.

Claim of Robert Donshea of $13.50 for one cord of pine wood delivered at City Hall.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for one warrant book.

Received and referred to the Committe on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—On September 13th, 1886, a committee of two was appointed (Commissioners Carr and Kern) to consult with your Board in relation to appropriations, transfers and general business. I am directed to request your Honorable Body to appoint a like committee for conference.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS JACOB, Clerk.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

JERSEY CITY, Oct. 11th, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I have looked into the matter of the claim of Mr. Small referred to me at you last meeting (and herewith returned), and I advise you that the claim is legal and correct and respectfully recommend its payment.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from the Clerk of the County Board of Health and Vital Statistics in regard to the poor drainage of Public School No. 6.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present: President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported as follows:

On petition of Isaac N. Quimby:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Isaac N. Quimby, in full payment of a certain assessment for main sewer, section B, Second Drainage District, the following amounts:

Block 218, lot I, assessors No. 2670, Cornelison avenue, $31.

Block 218, lot H, assessors No. 2864, Cornelison avenue, $261.

As per certificate of the Assessment Clerk of the Board of Public Works, the original amount levied for the said assessment was unjust. Provided, however, that all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise this resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of William D. Edwards:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William D. Edwards for the sum of $9.50, being amount paid twice on water rents for the year 1886, on lot 11, block 719, No. 64 Booraem avenue; and further

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be notified.

On petition of A. Boethe:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of A. Boethe for the sum of $23 40, being amount paid twice on water rents for the year 1886, on lot 13, block 735, No. 119 Franklyn street; and further

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of Daniel Van Winkle for compromise of assessments, recommending that the same be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000) on account of county tax for the year 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation congratulate the citizens of Jersey City upon the receipt of $100,000 from the State as part payment of railroad taxes past due, and they cheerfully regard the same as an indication of the early settlement by the railroads of all taxes due from them to the city of Jersey City.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted August 9th, 1886, directing the City Clerk to cancel certain taxes, assessments and sales levied prior to the year 1885 in blocks 444, 445 and 446, as shown on Bacot's map, be amended by substituting for the words "excepting lots represented by street Nos. 385 to 397 inclusive," the following: "Excepting lots represented by street Nos. 385 to 379 inclusive."

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the President of this Board together with Commissioner Jordan, confer with a similar committee of the Board of Public Works, his Honor the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel as to the means to provide for the erection of a new pump at High Service.

Mr. Reynolds moved as an amendment that the name of Mr. Hardenbergh be added to the committee.

The resolution as amended and the above resolutions were, on call of the yeas and nays, adopted by the following vote:

Ayes--President Daiz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent--Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, October 29th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, October 29th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of William H. Forster, Mary J. Buckley, A. J. Rozelle, J. Plimley, George H. Vroom and Collins & Corbin for compromise of assessments.

Petition of L. Egenrauch, for the return of money paid twice on taxes.

Petition of D. Van Winkle for the return of money paid twice on taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor requesting that a warrant be drawn to his order for clerical help for the month of October, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel, enclosing a copy of an opinion of the Supreme Court in the matter of the certiorari brought against the Board of Finance and Taxation by Cornelius Van Reypen, regarding the opening of Pavonia avenue, from Tonnelle avenue eastward.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment maps:

Improvement Beacon avenue, from Oakland to Central avenue, $2,674.

Widening Garfield avenue, Linden to Gates avenue, $1,864.30.

Improvement Summit avenue, Academy to Wayne street, $4,663.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from William Brinkerhoff, attorney, requesting payment of a judgment obtained in favor of Francis C. Meehan in the New Jersey Supreme Court vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Collector nominating for approval the following named extra clerks to assist in making out tax bills of 1886:

Charles Daniels, Henry Nichols, Martin Finck, William T. Odell, C. L. Herring and Samuel P. Van Loan.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. For the construction of a sewer in Thorne street from a point about 40 feet east of Nelson avenue to and connecting with the same in Summit avenue.

2. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, for repairs to water pipe September, 1886, $687.

3. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipes September, 1886, $1,911 75.

4 Pay roll, Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for repairing and blowing off hydrants September, 1886, $459.

5. Pay roll, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, repairing break on Hackensack meadows and at Belleville September, 1886, $232.

6. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers, August, 1886. $371.62.

7. Pay roll, Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, reassessing, September, 1886, $390.

8. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers, September, 1886, $164 25.

9. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers (Reconstruction), July, 1886. $436.75.

10. Pay roll, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High service, September, 1886. $3,172.28.

11. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds,

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City, in the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth districts, for the year 1886-87, transcripts of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed, and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of November, 1886, interest:

On General Account	$51,080 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	40,735 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	44,000 00
On Water Account	15,000 00
On Water Account	16,395 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $13,508.71, on account of county tax, for the year 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $161,191.29 in full, for State school tax, for the year 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General to Water Account, to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from General Account to Water Account, to return part of loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled. The following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from William Brinkerhoff, attorney for Francis C. Meehan, re-

questing payment of a judgment recovered against the city, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William Brinkerhoff, attorney for Francis C. Meehan, for the sum of $601.44, being amount of judgment and costs recovered against the city in the New Jersey Supreme Court in a suit wherein Francis C. Meehan was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants, said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment, approved by the Corporation Counsel, be filed with the City Clerk

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Construction of a sewer in Railroad avenue from Coles to Monmouth street.

2. Improvement of York street from Varick to Monmouth street.

3. Ordering paid claim of John Small.

4. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions, foremen and pipe layers, September, 1886, $580.83.

5. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, repairing break on Hackensack pipe and reservoir No. 3, April, 1886, $311.71.

6. Pay roll, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, August, 1886, $42.

7. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers (Reconstruction) June, 1886, $513.75.

8. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of October, 1886, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn for the same.

The same committee reported on petition of Luke Clark, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Luke Clark for the sum of $27.75, being amount paid twice for water rents of 1883 on block 515, lots 55, 53 and 51, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

On petition of Louis H. Broome,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to reduce the assessed value of lots 103, 104 and 105, Block 276, 279 (as they appear upon the books in his office from $9,000 to $4,000, the increase having been made in error on taxes for the years 1883 and 1884.

On petition of William H. Haynes,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel on the books in his office the personal and poll tax assessed to William H. Haynes at No. 247 Seventh street, lots parts 25 and 26, block 281, Third district, for the years 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885, for the reason that the said William H. Haynes is a non-resident, as per certificate of the Assessor attached to the petition.

The same committee reported on petitions of Collins & Corbin, William H. Forster, George H. Vroom, Mary J. Buckley, J. Plimley and A. J. Rozelle for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That Charles Daniels, Henry Nichols, Martin Finck, William T. Odell, C. L. Herring and Samuel P. Van Loan be and are hereby appointed as extra clerks in the office of the City Collector at a salary of seventy dollars each per month, such service to commence on November 1st, 1886, and to continue at the pleasure of this Board.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Lawrence Buckley for the sum of $125 for services as Inspector of Buildings for the month of October, 1886, the same to be charged to the contingent fund of this Board.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Orestes Cleveland, Mayor, in the sum of $150, to pay for clerical help during the month of October, 1886.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstien and Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 4th, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Peter Bentley and Henry A. Gaede, both of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $18, for warrant books for City Clerk.

Received and referred to the Committee on printing, stationery and supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation for printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery & Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from October 29th to November 4th, 1886, to be $108,470 92.

From the City Collector nominating for approval and appointment as an extra clerk Emil A. Noltmeyer (vice C. L. Herring, resigned.)

On motion of Mr. Reynolds the communication was received, ordered filed and the appointment approved.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on a communication from Abel I. Smith, attorney for John Gardner, requesting payment of a judgment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Abel I. Smith, attorney for John Gardner, for the sum of $3,353 97, being amount of a judgment and costs obtained in the New Jersey Supreme Court in a suit wherein the said John Gardner was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants, said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, be filed with the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll, Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of July, 1886, amounting to $253.50.

2. Pay roll, Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of September (reassessing), amounting to $390.

3. Pay roll, Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of September, 1886, amounting to $459.

4. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipes month of September, 1886, $1,911.75.

5. Pay roll, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, repairs to water pipe September, 1886, amounting to $687.

6. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers, August, 1886, amounting to $371.62.

7. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers July, 1886, amounting to $436.75.

8. Pay roll, Committee on Streets and Sewers, September, 1886, amounting to $164.25.

9. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, repairing break on Hackensack meadows and Belleville, September, 1886, amounting to $232.

10. Pay roll, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High service, September, 1886, amounting to $3,172.28.

11. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for sewer in Ogden avenue, from Franklyn street 500 feet southerly.

12. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Peter Bentley, Lewis H. Broome and Henry A. Gaede for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee was received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending that warrants be drawn in payment of the following claims:

$18 to Albert Datz for warrant books.

$14 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for Corporation Counsel.

$10.65, $12.88 and $15.15 to the United Gas and Improvement Co, for gas consumed in City Hall.

$10.48, $13.40 and $13.75 to the American District Telegraph Co., for messenger service for the months of July, August and September.

$100 to Carroll & Sweeney for twenty tons of coal delivered at City Hall.

$38.95 to Michael Kilcauley for repairing furnaces in City Hall.

$15 to the Chelsea Ice Co., for ice delivered at City Hall, from September 20 to October 20, 1886.

$13 50 to R. Donshea for one cord of pine wood.

$26 to The Argus for printing manuals pages 32 to 44, both inclusive.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the claims of the official papers for publishing notice of the sales for arrears of taxes for 1882, respectfully report and recommend the the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of the Evening Journal:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Evening Journal Association for the sum of $1,512, for publishing the sale of lands for arrears of taxes of 1882.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of The Argus for the sum of $1,512, for publishing the sale of lands for arrears of taxes of 1882.

On claim of the Sunday Tattler:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Sunday Tattler for the sum of $1,512, for publishing the sale of lands for arrears of taxes of 1882.

On claim of the Jersey City Herald:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Jersey City Herald for the sum of $1,512, for publishing the sale of lands for arrears of taxes of 1882.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 11th, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Abel I. Smith, attorney for John Gardner, requesting payment of interest on a judgment.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to the return of money to F. J. Mathews, having been paid in error on tax sales of 1878.

Received and referred to Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Garret Van Horne to have an assessment reduced.

Petition of John C. Brane, executor, to have certain taxes and assessments adjusted.

Petition of John Cannon for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Joseph Warren, agent for the return of money paid in error on taxes of 1885.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from John W. Heck, attorney, A. B. Dayton, attorney, Jacob Reu, A. Carby, Martin Wendling and E. H. Mann.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committe on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Richard R. Green in reference to the condition of the steps at the foot of Franklyn street and requesting that the same be repaired.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from W. F. Ritter in reference to the dangerous condition of the old school building at Greenville, and requesting that some action be taken.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Frank Stevens, agent, of $50, for rent of First District Court Room for October, 1886.

Claim of Frank Stevens, agent, of $50, for rent of First District Court Room for November, 1886.

Claim of Michael Kilcauley, of $52.88, for new stove and pipe in City Comptroller's office.

Claim of Michael Kilcauley, of $91.47, for putting up and cleaning stoves in City Hall.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company, of $17.78, for messenger service for the month of October, 1886.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company, of $16.05, for gas consumed in City Hall during October, 1886.

Claim of B. F. Corduan, of $2.50, for lock and keys for office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $10.50, for stationery for Comptroller's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $20, for postage stamps furnished City Comptroller.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $108.50 for stationery furnished City Collector's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $26, for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of John A. Blair, of $36.69, for disbursements as Corporation Counsel.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for warrant books.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from the City Clerk, requesting authority to cancel all warrants remaining in his office not called for within three years after their date.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from November 5th to 11th, 1886, both days included, to be $139.918.97.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Public Works, stating that the Committee on Conference would meet at the office of the Board of Public Works on Friday, November 12th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, October, 1886, $924.50.

2. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, October, 1886, $161.

3. Pay Roll Committee, on Extension and Distributions, October, 1886, $2,243.

4. Pay Roll Committee, on Extension and Distributions, October, 1886, $598.33.

5. Pay Roll Committee, on Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1886, $1,753.36.

6. Pay Roll Committee, on Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1886, $495.

7. Pay Roll Committee, on Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1886, $260.

8. Pay Roll Committee, on Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1886, $390.

9. Ordering paid, claim of Henry Dilks Draughtsman, October, 1886, $75.

10. Ordering paid, claims of Davenport, Tracy & Co., and others.

11. Ordering paid, claims of Willard Richards for coal.

12. Construction of a sewer in St. Paul's avenue from a point 25 feet east of Summit avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Perry street.

18. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of John W. Heck, attorney; A. B. Dayton, attorney; Jacob Rau, A. Corby, Martin Wendling and E. H. Mann, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account to return balance of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrrnt be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of seven thousand dollars on account of county taxes of 1886.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the sum of $32.25 be paid to F. Mathews to refund the difference between correct amount and the sum paid in error October 21, 1886, in redemption from sale for taxes of 1878, of lots 14, 15 and 16, Seventh street, block 448.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cancel all warrants remaining in his office and not called for within three (3) years after their date, and to report to this Board a list of such warrants when cancelled from time to time.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the tax levy made, and all taxes assessed by the Assessor of the Sixth District of Jersey City for the year 1886-87, transcripts of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed, and the clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The yeas and nyas having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenberg and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The resolution confirming the books of the 6th district was adopted at 7.50 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 18th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Michael J. O'Brien for payment of difference between old and new assessment.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William Harney, Annie Foley, John Garrick, attorney, J. Morgan, George W. Heritage, F. J. Mathews, Jacques Nerbeyst and J. V. H. Clendenny.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Henry & Dickinson, requesting payment of a judgment obtained in the Hudson County Circuit Court by T. J. McDonald.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, November 12th, to 18th, 1886, both days included, to be $182,-958 19.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received in his office for collection the assessment map for the improvement of Cottage street, from Nelson avenue to Pennsylvania Railroad cut, amounting to $2,334.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of all moneys turned over by the Health Department to the credit of the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons for the month of November, 1886.

Resolution from the Board of Education, requesting transfer of $300 from account of printing and blanks to account of furniture, repairs and gas, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Resolution from the Board of Education, requesting transfer of $191.19 from account of books, stationery and music to the account of furniture, repairs and gas, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Resolution from the Board of Education, requesting transfer of $17.47 from account of books, stationery and music to the account of janitors' supplies, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

All the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes

The Board re-assembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from Abel I. Smith for payment of interest on a judgment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon City Treasurer in favor of Abel I. Smith, attorney for John Gardner, for the sum of $687.59, being amount of interest from June 7th, 1883, to November 4th, 1886, due upon a certain judgment obtained by said Gardner in the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Pay roll resolution, Water Rates and Assessments, for October, 1886, amounting to $1,753.36.

2. Ordering paid salary of Harry Dilks, for September and October, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The same committee reported on the following resolutions:

1. Improvement of Summit avenue, from Sherman place to South street.

2. Sewer in Thorne street, from 40 feet east of Nelson avenue to and connecting with same in Summit avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the following petitions, recommending that the prayers of the petitioners be granted:

1. Petition of Isaac N. Quimby to have certain erroneous assessments cancelled.

2. Petition of Garret Van Horne to have assessments reduced.

3. Petition of Joseph Warren for return of money paid in error on taxes.

4. Petition of Daniel Van Winkle for return of money paid twice on taxes of 1877.

5. Petition of L. Egenrauch for return of money paid twice on taxes.

6. Petion of John Cannon for return of money paid in error on taxes.

7. On petition of Annie Foley, John Garrick, attorney, J. Morgan, George W. Heritage, F. J. Mathews, Jacques Nerbryst and J. V. H. Clendenny for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Moved and carried, that the resolution heretofore presented to this Board in reference to the pollution of the Passaic River, and which resolution is now in the hands of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions, be transferred from the said Committee on Concurrent Resolutions to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

By Mr. Hardenbergh;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $15,000 to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $10,000 on account of county tax for 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That when the Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, November 23d, 1886, at 7 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

G. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Tuesday, November 23, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation to attend the fourth annual ball of Court Pavonia, A. O. F., was received and accepted with thanks.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor, asking that a warrant be ordered drawn to his order for the sum of $150, in payment of clerical help for the month of November, 1886.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of J. R. Van Syckle, for return of money paid twice on water rents.

Petition of Andrew McLean, for the return of money paid in error on an assessment.

Petitions of Theo. F. Morris and Andrew McLean, for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. of $18.90, for rent of instrument and tollage from July to October 1, 1886.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $126, for stationery for City Collector's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from Hugh Dugan, County Collector, showing the amount of taxes levied against Jersey City for State school and county purposes for the year 1886 to be—

State School Tax	$169,374 22
County Tax	367,605 78
Total	$536,980 00

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Edward O'Donnell for improvement of New York avenue, from South to North street.

2. Awarding contract to Frank C. Meeban for the construction of a sewer in Webster avenue, from South to Bowers street.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the construction of a sewer in Bleecker street, from a point 20 feet east of Passaic avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Central avenue.

4. Pay roll, Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of September, 1886, shutting off water, amounting to $130.

5. Pay roll, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, employes at Belleville and High Service, month of October, 1886, amounting to $3,100 04.

6. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from Henry & Dickinson, attorneys for Terence J. McDonald, requesting payment of a judgment obtained in the Hudson Circuit Court, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Henry & Dickinson, attorneys for Terence J. McDonald, for the sum of $676 12, being amount of judgment and costs obtained in the Hudson Circuit Court in a suit wherein the said Terence J. McDonald was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants, said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment, approved by the Corporation Counsel, be filed with the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following concurrent resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, month of October, 1886, amounting to $161.

2. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of October, 1886, amounting to $390.

3. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of October, 1886, amounting to $260.

4. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, month of October, 1886, amounting to $495.

5. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, month of October, 1886, amounting to $598.33.

6. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, month of October, 1885, amounting to $924.50.

7. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, month of October, 1886, amounting to $2,243.

8. Ordering paid claims of Willard Richards for coal.

9. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the following petitions:

On petition of Andrew McLean:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Andrew McLean for the sum of $15 91, being amount paid in error on lots 81 and 82, Block 582, for assessment for main sewer in Ninth Ward, from Perry street to old City line.

The same committee reported on petition of Andrew McLean for compromise of an assessment recommending that it be granted.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of November, 1886, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of November, 1886, of the extra clerks employed in making out tax bills, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the same.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$222 to the Jordan Stationery Company for tax bills and letter heads for City Collector.

$20 to the Jordan Stationery Company for postage stamps for City Comptroller.

$10.50 to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery for office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

$126 60 to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery furnished City Collector's office.

$26 to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery for City Corporation Counsel's office.

$50 to Frank Stevens, agent, for rent of First District Court for the month of November, 1886.

$36.69 to John A. Blair for disbursement as Corporation Counsel.

$76 to the Argus Printing Company for printing.

$16.05 to the United Gas and Improvement Company for gas consumed in City Hall during the month of October.

$17.78 to the American District Telegraph Company for messenger services during October, 1886.

$2 50 to B. F. Corduan for lock and key for offices.

$144.35 to M. Kilcauley for new stove in City Comptroller's and putting up stoves in City Hall, also repairing heaters.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committees were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Mullins & Company for the sum of $648.88, being for furniture for Mayor's office the warrant for said amount to be charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Charles H. Scott for the sum of $156.95 for carpenter work in First District Court, and that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Orestes Cleveland, Mayor, for the sum of $150 in payment of clerical help for the month of November, 1886.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Lawrence Buckley for the sum of $125 for salary as Inspector of Buildings for the month of November, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the "Joint Board on Pollution of Water Supply of Jersey City and Newark" be and the said Joint Board is hereby fully authorized, empowered and instructed on the part of this Board to take all necessary and legal action, and to do any and all things necessary or proper for the protection and care of, and to effectually prevent the pollution of the several sources of the water supply of Jersey City and Newark, and that a majority of the members of said Joint Board on Pollution of Water Supply of Jersey City and Newark, are fully authorized and empowered to make by-laws for its government not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of this Board, and to employ and discharge such officers, agents and employes as in the judgment of a majority of the members of said Joint Board may be necessary to effectually carry out the purpose of its creation and organization, all salaries, bills, disbursements and expenses whatsoever therein or thereby properly incurred, paid, made or ordered by the said Joint Board in the prevention of the pollution of the several sources of water supply of Jersey City and Newark shall at all times hereafter be equally divided, one-half to be paid by "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," and the other half by "The Newark Aqueduct Board," but such half of the expenses shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars annually, and true copies of all bills, claims and accounts of moneys paid shall be certified by the Secretary of said Joint Board, and submitted to "The Board of Public Works" or the "Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City" and "The Newark Aqueduct Board." And said Joint Board shall report monthly their official actions to this Board.

Mr. Hardenburg moved that the resolution lay on the table.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Hardenbergh, Edelstein and Reynolds.

Nays—President Datz and Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Friday, November 26, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, November 26th, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Petition of Mary Bacot, for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petitions of James Lynch and William A. Lewis, for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to the publication of redemption notice and list of unredeemed property sold August 25th, 1884, for taxes of 1880, as required by law.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting an appropriation by which temporary quarters can be procured pending the erection of a suitable building for the use of Police Headquarters and First Precinct station-house.

The communication was received and referred to a special committee consisting of President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, reported on petitions of James Lynch, William A. Lewis and T. F. Morris for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the communication from the City Clerk in reference to the publication in the official papers of the list of property still unredeemed sold for unpaid taxes of 1880, reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to publish in the official papers for the length of time required by law a list of property still unredeemed, sold by the Corporation of Jersey City, August 25th, 1884, for unpaid taxes of 1880.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

G. F. McAneny, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, November 29th, 1886, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—President Datz and Mr. Jordan.

On motion Mr. Edelstein was elected to act as President pro tempore.

The Clerk having read the call the Board proceeded to transact business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of December, 1886, interest:

On General Account	$13,500
On General Account, to pay interest on assessment bonds	42,000
On Water Account	8,680

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—President Datz and Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 2, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Thomas Masterson, Geo. F. Luxton, K. L. Wittemeyer, G. P. Howell and E. C. Bramhall for compromise of assessments.

Petition of E. C. Bramhall to have an assessment corrected.

All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $80.50 for stationery and printing.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co, of $150.30 for stationery and postage stamps furnished City Collector's office.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from D. W. Benjamin, Health Inspector, enclosing his annual report for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1886.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury from Nov. 26 to Dec. 2, 1886, both days included to be $117,890.64,

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment map improvement of South street, from Nelson to Central avenues, amounting to $10,324.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from John E. Scott, City Clerk, enclosing a writ of certiorari issued by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to review assessment for taxes of 1885, on personal property, also rule of said court staying further proceedings.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 2, 1886.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return you the communication of Frank L. Clark, Esq., attorney for L. Thorwelle respecting the purchase of property known as lot 15, in block 745, Hancock avenue. The accompanying papers show that on the 17th day of February, A D. 1874, the Board of Public Works (it having previously resolved to purchase said lot), by resolution, directed a warrant to be drawn in favor of Herman Thorwelle, owner of said property, for one thousand dollars, the amount agreed to be paid therefor, which resolution was approved by the then Mayor; that in pursuance of said resolution a warrant was drawn for said amount of $1,000, and that said amount of $1,000 was appropriated for that purpose. Owing to the illness and death of Thorwelle soon thereafter the purchase was never consummated nor the deed delivered. Nothing thereafter was done in the matter until on or about the 27th day of January, A. D. 1882, when the said warrant was cancelled, though by the letter of the Comptroller the money seems to be still available for said purpose. The Chief Engineer, by his letter herewith believes that the school accommodations in that locality are insufficient and must soon be enlarged. If that is the present condition of affairs it is probably the part of wisdom to secure this property (one lot) rather than locate a school elsewhere in the neighborhood where a much larger quantity of land will have to be purchased If an inspection of the papers herewith sent, satisfies you that the purchase of said property is now necessary for school purposes, and that the amount indicated is a reasonable price, therefore, I see no legal objections to such reasonable action.

Very respectfully,
JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $1,000 from the amount appropriated for rent of building at Greenville to a special account for rebuilding engine No. 3, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $31.65 from the Account of Claims to the Account of Salaries, fiscal year 1886 and 1887.

Both of the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled. All the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of one thousand dollars from the account of rent of building at Greenville to a special account of rebuilding engine No. 3, Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $31.65 from the Account of Claims to the Account of Salaries, Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

The same Committee reported on resolutions from the Board of Education, requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $300 from the Account of Printing and Blanks to the Account of Furniture, Repairs and Gas, Board of Education, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $191.19 from the account of books, stationery and music, to the account of furniture repairs and gas, Board of Education, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $17.47 from the account of books, stationery and music, to the account of Janitor's supplies, Board of Education, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

The same Committee reported on petition of Thomas Cavanagh, for payment of interest due on a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Cavanagh for the sum of sixty dollars and twenty-five cents ($60.25), being amount of interest due upon a certain judgment obtained in

the Hudson Circuit Court August 16th, 1884, in a suit wherein the said Thomas Cavanagh was plaintiff and The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, reported on petitions of Thomas Masterson, George F. Luxton and William Harney, Agent for Compromise of Assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed to confer with the Board of Police Commissioners in relation to the condition of Police headquarters and First Precinct station house, presented a communication from L. H. Broome, architect, which was ordered filed.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the matter of the unsafe condition of Police headquarters, First Precinct station house and Engine house on Mercer street, be referred to President Datz, Commissioners Edelstein and Jordan, with power.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds, and carried:

Moved, That the resolution from the Joint Board on Pollution, in reference to the pollution of the Passaic River, be taken from the table, and the Clerk directed to read the same.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the "Joint Board on Pollution of Water Supply of Jersey City and Newark," be, and the said Joint Board is hereby fully authorized, empowered and instructed on the part of this Board to take all necessary legal action, and to do any and all things necessary, or proper for the protection and care of, and to effectually prevent the pollution of the several sources of the water supply of Jersey City and Newark, and that a majority of the members of said Joint Board on Pollution of water supply of Jersey City and Newark are fully authorized and empowered to make by-laws for its government, not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of this Board, and to employ and discharge such officers, agents and employees as in the judgment of a majority of the members of said Joint Board may be necessary to effectually carry out the purpose of its creation and organization. All salaries, bills disbursements and expenses whatsoever therein or thereby properly incurred, paid, made or ordered by the said Joint Board in the prevention of the pollution of the several sources of water supply of Jersey City and Newark, shall at all times hereafter be equally divided, one-half to be paid by "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City" and the other half by "The Newark Aqueduct Board," but such half of the expenses shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars annually, over and above the legal expenses connected with the prosecution of any case under the authority of said Joint Board, except by a concurrence of such expenditure; and true copies of all bills, claims and accounts of moneys paid shall be certified by the Secretary of said Joint Board and submitted to the Board of Public Works, of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and the Newark Aqueduct Board, and said Joint Board shall report monthly their official actions to this Board.

Mr. Reynolds moved as an amendment that that part of the resolution reading as follows: "over and above the legal expenses connected with the prosecution of any cases under the authority of said Joint Board except by a concurrence of such expenditure," be stricken out, and that the words "for any purpose whatever" be inserted in lieu thereof.

The ayes and nays having been called on the amendment, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

The resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, on account of County taxes of 1886.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the salaries of the City Collector, City Treasurer and City Comptroller be fixed at $3,000 each, from December 1st, 1886, and that the salaries of Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector; George R. Hough, Clerk to City Comptroller, and Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to City Treasurer, be fixed at $1,500 each, from the same date.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the First District Court be and he is hereby directed to make a return forthwith to the City Treasurer of all moneys collected by said Court not already reported up to and including November 30th, 1886.

By President Datz:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and is hereby directed to give public notice that hereafter no permit for tapping sewers will be granted until the assessment for such sewer levied against the property, for the benefit of which such tapping is desired, be paid to the City Collector, and a receipt for such payment be given by that officer.

By President Datz:

Resolved, That Richard Harmon be and he is hereby appointed an extra clerk to the City Collector for the purpose of making out tax bills at a salary of $70 per month, term of office to commence December 1st, 1886, and to continue at the pleasure of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, December 9th, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Thomas McEwan, Jr., Assessor of the Fourth Aldermanic district, requesting that Mr. Charles Petre be cited to appear and show cause why the assessment for taxes of 1886 on lot 6, block 853, should not be increased.

Communication from A. Hollinger, in reference to the low value placed on the personal property of Claude Chaffanjon for taxes of 1886.

Both of the above communications were received and referred to the City Collector, with instructions to cite both parties to appear before the Board of Commissioners of Appeal, to show cause why the valuations for taxes of 1886 should not be increased.

Communication from William Brinkerhoff, enclosing a check for $1,703.74, being amount of a judgment obtained against the Hackensack Water Company, "reorganized."

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of J. Mulford for the correction of an assessment.

Petition of Jacob E. Rightmire for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petitions of Julia Zern, Kate B. Bailey, John J. Fallon, Peter Hall, Alexander Whylie and Thomas Godfrey for compromise of assessments.

All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Argus Printing Company of $90, for printing manuals pages 55 to 64 inclusive, and advertising.

Claim of Albert Datz of $45, for printing blank resolutions and book for Board of Appeals.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Treasurer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury from Dec. 31 to 9th, 1886, both days included to be $98 951.02.

Received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 4, 1886.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—A resolution of your Board concurring in a resolution of the Board of Public Works ordering payment of certain bills of Willard Richards for coal aggregating $22,173.79 is herewith returned without my signature. Bids were received in May last for 9,500 tons of coal by the Board of Public Works. The two lowest bids were from Willard Richards at $3.72, and from Stanford Farrand at $3.69, both for the same kind of coal, and both bidders in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. The contract was awarded to Richards, and he commenced the delivery of the coal. After a large part had been delivered it was brought to the notice of Richards that I had declined to sign the contract and that he was therefore delivering coal without a contract. My objection to signing was, that the award was not to the lowest bidder as the Charter required. There could be no question of the responsibility of the bidders, because they both offered the same bondsmen. There were details that I have become possessed of in connection with the whole matter that are not necessary to be given here. When it was found that I did not sign the concurring resolution ordering payment to be made the General Agent of the Company called upon me for an explanation, and the result is that the city will get the coal at the price named in the lowest bid, $3.60, not only for that already delivered, but for the balance of the 9,500 tons, notwithstanding coal is now materially advanced in price over the ruling rates of May last for delivery during the summer. The payment will have to be made now direct to the Company instead of to Richards, a paper containing notice to that effect, and an offer from the Company having been served upon me at 7.30 last evening at my house. The notice is enclosed herewith properly endorsed by me. I respectfully recommend that the Board of Public Works rescind its order of payment to Richards, and that the offer of the Company be accepted to put in the balance of the coal and take pay for the whole at $3.60 per ton.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND,

Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of Mr. J. O'Brien for rebate on an assessment recommending that the Board refuse to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The communication was received, ordered filed, and the subject matter referred to the Committe on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Change of grade on Montgomery street from Bergen avenue to Westside avenue.

2. Ordering paid claim of Taylor Reed.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for employes at Belleville and High Service, month of October, 1886, amounting to $3,100 04.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, reported on petitions of Julia Zern, Kate B. Bailey, John J. Fallon, Peter Hall, Alexander Whylie and Thomas Godfrey, for

compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Jacob V. Rightmire:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the estate of Jacob V. Rightmire for the sum of $7.85, being amount paid twice for water rents on lot C, block 359, for the year 1886, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The same Committee reported on petition of M. J. O'Brien, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of M J. O'Brien for difference between a new and old assessment for the grading, etc., of Webster avenue, be not granted, for the reason that the limit of time during which such application should have been made has expired.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh,

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$178.20 to the JordanStationery Company for stationery.

$18.90 to the N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Company for rent of instrument and tollage from July 1st to October 1st, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein., Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of L. D. Fowler for $17.50, being amount paid by said L. D. Fowler for map case furnished this office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That the resolution adopted December 2, 1886, in reference to an appropriation of $2,500 for the use of the Joint Board on Pollution, be and the same is hereby rescinded and declared null et void.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That this Board hereby sanctions the expenditure by the Joint Board on pollution of water supply of Jersey City and Newark of the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars provided the expenditure of a like amount be authorized by the Newark Aqueduct Board, and provided further that said money shall be used exclusively for such expenses as may be incurred in preventing the pollution of the several sources of the water supply of the cities of Jersey City and Newark under the direction of said Joint Board on Pollution.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein:

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan, and carried:

Moved, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter of the coal bills of Willard Richards, concurrred in by this Board and vetoed by his honor, the Mayor.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Jordan, Edelstein and Reynolds.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 16, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from J. B. Bartlett, offering to furnish Jersey City with pure and wholesome water for ten years or a longer period from above the Great Falls at Paterson and to be delivered at Belleville for distribution at less figures than $38.50 per million gallons.

Communication from Thomas V. Cator, protesting against awarding a contract, for furnishing water, to the North Jersey Water Company.

Communication from the United States Filter Company in reference to the furnishing of filtering machines to supply pure water.

All the above communications were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions and Finance and Claims.

Communication from E. T. Paxton, requesting the payment of a judgment obtained against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petitions of John A. McGrath, S. D. Tompkins and A. Bonnell for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company, $21.15, for gas consumed during the month of November, 1886.

Claim of Albert Datz of $20 for printing blank contsable sales.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury, December 10th to 16th, both days included, to be $121-560.31.

Received and ordered filed.

Preamble and resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting the sense of this Board as to the desirability of adopting the Martin act for the settlement of arrearages of taxes.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners, requesting transfer of $23 from the appropriation for bell tower and the sum of $11.37 from the account of salaries to the account of claims, both fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims:

1. Requesting transfer of $1,500 from account of cleaning streets to a special account for salaries to pay the salary of Street Commissioner in monthly payments of $125.

2. Requesting transfer of $1,200 from account of cleaning sewers to a special account for salaries of Sewer Inspector in monthly payments of $100.

3. Requesting an extra appropriation of $1,092.10 to meet the deficiency in salary account of 1885-'86.

4. Requesting an appropriation of $500 to repair the steps at the foot of Franklyn street.

5. Requesting an extra appropriation of $750 to meet the increase on insurance.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works accepting the proposition made by the North Jersey Water Company to supply Jersey City with pure and wholesome water from the Pequannock river.

Received and referred to the Committees on Finance and Claims and the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1886, amounting to $1,753 36.

2. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1886, repairing and blowing off hydrants, amounting to $507.

3. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1886, reassessing, amounting to $390.

4. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1886, amounting to $466.

5. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1886, foremen, etc., amounting to $598.33.

6. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, November, 1886, repairs to main, etc., amounting to $551.

7. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, November, 1886, amounting to $3,113.95.

8. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, November, 1886, repairing water pipe, amounting to $828.50.

9. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, November, 1886, laying water pipe, amounting to $1,915 50.

10. Improvement of Manhattan avenue, from Sherman to Central avenues.

11. Awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning the streets and removing the ashes and garbage, etc., etc.

12. Opening, widening and changing as to boundaries of a street to be called Rose avenue.

13. Ordering paid claim of Harry Dilks, as draughtsman, for the month of November, 1886.

14 Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from E. T. Paxton, requesting payment of a judgment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Elijah T. Paxton for the sum of $168.13, being amount of a judgment and costs obtained in the Second District Court in a suit wherein the said E. T. Paxton was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $23 from the appropriation for Bell Tower and $11.37 from the account of salaries both to the account of claims, Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year 1885 '86.

The same committee reported the receipt from the Hon. William Brinkerhoff of a check for the sum of seventeen hundred and three 74.100 dollars, being amount of a judgment ob-

tained in the Supreme Court by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. the Hackensack Water Company reorganized, the check for said amount having been deposited with the City Treasurer.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning the streets and removing the garbage, etc., etc.

2. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1886, amounting to $1,753.36.

3. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1886, repairing and blowing off hydrants, amounting to $507

4. Ordering paid claim of Harry Dilks as druggtsman for the month of November, 1886.

5. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of G. P. Howell, Agent; E. A. Bramhall, K. L. Wette. meyer, Annie J. Barbier, John A. McGrath, S. D. Tompkins and Alexander Bonnell, for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Mary Bacot, for the return of money paid in error on taxes recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John E. Bacot, attorney for Mary Bacot, for the sum of $29.20, being amount paid in error on taxes of 1885 on lots 3 and 4, block 326.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan, and carried, moved:

That the veto of his honor, the Mayor, on the resolution concurring in the payment of the claims of Willard Richards, for coal, be taken from the table, and the clerk directed to read the same.

The clerk, having read the veto, Mr. Jordan moved:

That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor, the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Whereas, The committee appointed to investigate the matter of coal claims of Willard Richards, which were concurred in by this Board, and vetoed by his honor, the Mayor, have carefully inquired into the case, and have examined Mr. Richards and Mr Farrant, and

Whereas, The committee is satisfied that the statements of those parties are correct; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board, so far as it has jurisdiction in the matter, hereby fully exonerate Mr. Richards, Mr. Farrant, and Clerk Jacob, of the Board of Public Works, from any intention of wrong in the matter.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Hon. the Board of Aldermen be requested to name an evening at which all parties interested either in the passage or non-passage of the act known as the "Martin Act," may be heard, in order that the case of non-concurrence by the Board of Aldermen such action may be taken as may be deemed proper by our citizens for such legislative action as may properly further the adjudication of the amount of taxes now remaining unpaid, the property for which assessed has been practically abandoned.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, December 23d, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Thomas McEwan, Jr., Assessor of the Fourth district, requesting that Hugh Sieber, of 420 Palisade avenue, be charged with personal tax.

Received and referred to the City Collector to cite Hugh Sieber to appear and show cause why he should not be assessed for personal tax of 1880.

Petitions of Martin Logan, Kate M. Wood, G. W. Heritage, S. D. Tompkins and P. H. Beckman for compromise of assessments.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of American District Telegraph Co. of $13.46, for messenger service for the month of November, 1886.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $198.45, for stationery.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Co. of $15, for ice furnished from November 22 to December 22, 1886.

Claim of L. H. Broome of $40, for services as architect on repairs of First precinct station house and engine house No. 3, on Mercer street.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners, requesting an appropriation sufficient to enable the said Board of Police Commissioners to appoint fifteen patrolmen.

On motion of Mr. Edelstein, the communication was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the chair.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, covering pipe on Meadows, February, 1886, amounting to $931.

2. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, March, 1886, amounting to $3,873.75.

3. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, repairing over new pipe, April, 1886, amounting to $1,282 55.

4. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, April, 1886, amounting to $3,028.91.

5 Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, repairing water pipe, April, 1886, amounting to $1,537.48.

6. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, repairing water pipe, March, 1886, amounting to $2.586.25.

7 Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, foreman, &c., April, 1886, amounting to $625.83.

8. Awarding contract to John W. Keeney for cleaning sewers and receiving basins.

9. Agreement of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company to furnish balance of coal at $3.60 per gross ton.

10. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled. All the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $1,500 from the appropriation for cleaning streets, &c., fiscal year 1886 and 1887, to a special account for the purpose of paying salary of Street Commissioner, to be expended in monthly payments of $125, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1886 and 1887.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $1,200 from the appropriation for cleaning sewers, &c , fiscal year 1886-87, to a special account for the purpose of paying salary of sewer inspector to be expended in monthly payments of $100, Board of Public Works fiscal year 1886-87.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an extra appropriation to pay insurance, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions of this Board be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of further insuring the property of the city against loss by fire, and that such monies thus expended be charged to the contingent fund of this Board.

The same committee reported adverse to granting the following resolutions:

1. Requesting an appropriation of $1,092.10 to meet the deficiency in salary account, Board of Public Works.

2. Requesting an appropriation of $500 to repair the steps at the foot of Franklin street.

3. Petition of Frank L. Clark, attorney for L Thorwelle, in reference to the purchase of lots for school purposes.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

Mr. Hardenbergh, as chairman of the Committee of Finance and Claims, reported verbally that the committee had paid off all temporary loan bonds.

Mr. Edelstein moved that the thanks of the Board be tendered to the chairman of the committee.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein., Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions through Mr. Jordan, its chairman, verbally reported without any recommendation, the concurrent resolution presented July 19th, from the Board of Public Works in reference to the construction of a tunnel at the foot of Washington street, and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh, after some discussion, the whole matter was laid on the table.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, reported on petitions of Martin Logan, Attorney, Kate M. Wood, G. W. Heritage, P. H. Beckman, and S. D. Tompkins, for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanamiously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$90 to the Argus for printing; $65 to Albert Datz, for stationery; $21.15 to The United Gas and Improvement Company, for gas consumed in City Hall during the month of November, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars on account of county tax for 1886.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for $25,000 to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Harderbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of January, 1887, interest:

On general account	$25,000
On general account	27,000
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	28,000
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	28,035
On water account	57,315

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That in accordance with the report of Architect Louis H. Broome, a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Kiernan for the sum of $382.24, being for repairs to Police Headquarters and Engine House No. 3

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thurs day, December 30, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of John McCarthy and others requesting an appropriation for the purchase of three horses for the mounted police, to do duty in the Greenville District.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from E. S. Martin, Peter Menschood, F. Meehan, E. C. Bramhall, G. R. Jansen, J. C. Brane and W. W. Corcoran.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $59.50 for stationery furnished City Treasurer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment maps:

Improving South street between Central and Ogden avenues, amounting to $11,758.42.

Improving Pearsall avenue, between Old Bergen road and Bergen avenue, amounting to $9,011.62.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, from December 24 to 30th, 1886, both days included, to be $78,939.42.

Received and ordered filed.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting a re-apportionment of the monies appropriated for the relief of out-door poor, fiscal year 1886 and 1887.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Education, requesting transfer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, $1,753.36.

2. Ordering paid claim of Harry Dilks for services as draughtsman for December, 1886, $75, and $5 for November, 1886, being balance due on order.

3. Improvement of Jackson avenue from the southerly side of the right of way of the Newark and New York Railroad to Fulton avenue.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled. All the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported adverse to granting the resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting an appropriation to enable the appointment of fifteen patrolmen, for the reason that no provision has been made for the payment of their salaries.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, amounting to $1,753.36.

2. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for the improvement of Webster avenue, from Prospect to North street.

3. Awarding contract to T. O'Neill, for the improvement of Jackson avenue from the southerly side of the right of way of the Newark and New York Railroad to Fulton avenue.

4. Accepting proposition of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company to furnish balance of coal at $3.60 per ton.

5. Ordering paid claims of Harry Dilks of $75 for services as draughtsman month of December, 1886, and $5 due on month of November, 1886.

6. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of E. S. Marlin, Peter Menschood, F. Meehan, E. C. Bramhall, W. W. Corcoran and J. C. Brane for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of J. R. Van Syckle, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of J. R. Van Syckle for the sum of $18.39, being amount paid twice on water rents of 1886, on lot 59, block 261; and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported petition of John B. Lemaire recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to reduce on the books in his office the valuation for taxes of 1885, on lot 32, block 568, Sixth district from $1,500 to $1,000 as the valuation of $1,500, was an clerical error.

The same Committee reported the salary list of regular employes, Commissioners and extra clerks, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolutions.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$15 to Chelsea Ice Co. for ice, delivered at City Hall.

$40 to Louis H. Broome for services as architect.

$30 87 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for the months of November and December, 1886.

$198.45, $59.50 to Jordan Stationey Company, stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That the vote by which the reso'ution

from the Board of Public Works, "requesting an appropriation of $500 to repair the steps at the foot of Franklyn street," be reconsidered and that the resolution be referred to a special committee.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $20,000 on account of county tax for 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 6, 1887, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from G. A. Hollenger, in reference to the taxes of C. Chaffanjon.

Received and referred to the Committee of Whole Communication from William Greenleaf, requesting payment of a certain judgment obtained in the Second District Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and claims.

Communications from M. C. Quimby, stating that he will enter into contract to supply Jersey City with pure and wholesome water from Green Pond and Denmark Lake at the rate of $16 per million gallons.

Communication from John R. Bartlett, in reference to the furnishing pure and wholesome water to Jersey City.

Communication from E. Boudinat Colt in reference to the communication filed by the North Jersey Water Company, stating that said company has no rights whatever to divert from the Passaic River any water from above the great falls, and requesting that the Board examine into the matter.

All the above communications were referred to Special Committee on Water Supply.

Petition of William Burns, requesting cancellation of water tax sales.

Petition of E. C. Bramhall, to have taxes of 1883 corrected.

Petition of Phillip Hufnagle, for return of money paid in error on taxes of 1886.

Petitions for compromise of assessments was received from Rudolph Rabe, Wm. G. Bumsted, A. Gilbert, Alexander Bonnell and Peter Bentley.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Lawrence, Cronin & Company of $750, for insurance on public buildings.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $100, for coal furnished City Hall.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury December 31st, 1886, to January 6th, 1887, both days included, to be $74,624.82.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector. "enclosing a letter from the Erie Express Company," protesting against the taxes levied for taxes of 1886, and recommending that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to commence suit to settle the question.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $160 from the account of books, stationery and music to the account of furniture, repairs and gas, and $20 from the account of rentals to the account of annual report of the Board of Education, fiscal year 1885 and 1886

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee presented a communication showing the condition of the sinking fund of 1873 to be as follows:

The receipt of this fund from the above sources during the fiscal year 1883 and 1884, was	$122,323 68
Fiscal year 1884 and 1885, was	88,778 36
Fiscal year 1885 and 1886, was	91,840 08
During the same periods the fund has paid bonds as follows:	
Issued by old Jersey City	$249,460 00
Isssued by Bergen	31,500 00
Issued by Hudson City	13,800 00
Issued by Greenville	1,000 00
Total	$295,700 00
During fiscal year 1884 and 1885:	
Issued by Bergen	$ 500 00
Issued by Hudson City	47,000 00
Total	$47,500 00
During fiscal year 1885 and 1886:	
Issued by Jersey City, consolidated.	$ 1,000 00
Issued by Jersey City, consolidated.	79,500 00
Issued by Greenville	5,000 00
Total	$ 85,500 00

Since the organization of the sinking fund the Commissioners have loaned general account many thousands of dollars, in every case receiving a temporary loan bond for the amount so loaned, and the city has from time to time returned to the Commissioners such sums of money as the Commissioners demanded to meet bonds falling due. The Commissioners have also purchased $141,000 of Jersey City assessment bonds, $110,000 of Jersey City general bonds and $171,000 of Jersey City water bonds. By resolution of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, passed July 25, 1884, the $141,000 assessment bonds and $10,000 of general bonds were retired, and a special committee of two Commissioners, with the City Treasurer, City Comptroller and City Clerk was appointed to cancel said bonds, and a certificate of such deduction was filed with the City Clerk.

On December 1, 1886, this Sinking Fund was composed of:

Temporary Loan Bonds	$536,000 00
Water Bonds	171,600 00
School House and other bonds	11,898 34
Cash	2,575 52
Total	$721,073 86

The same committee presented a communication showing the condition of the Sinking Fund of 1886 to be as follows: The city did, on June 1, 1876, issue and sell $400,000.00 of revenue bonds, and the taxes of 1873 and 1874 (principal and interest) at that date outstanding (in arrears) were pledged and appropriated to the Commissioners for the payment of the principal and interest of said $400,000.00 of bonds.

These were 7 per cent. bonds—the interest, $28,000.00 per year, was paid as it became due

—and this fund, besides paying said interest, did accumulate surplus funds amounting to several thousand dollars, which the Commissioners did loan to the city, taking temporary loan bonds therefor.

On June 1, 1886, the $400,000.00 of revenue bonds became due. The Commissioners then demanded payment from the city for the amount of the temporary loan bonds and interest, and received the same—the amount so received, together with the cash then on hand in this Sinking Fund, amounted to $320,500.00, including temporary loans paid by the city of $70,000, and the amount was used to pay a like amount of the bonds then due (the balance of the revenue bonds amounting to $79,500 was paid by the Sinking Fund of 1873).

On all of the above-mentioned temporary loan bonds the Commissioners received interest from the date of issue to the date of payment—same as if held by outside parties.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a reapportionment of the monies appropriated for the relief of the out-door-poor recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is directed to apportion upon the books in his office the monies appropriated for relief of out-door-poor for the year commencing December 1, 1866, as follows:

December, 1886	$1,500
January, 1887	1,600
February, 1887	1,600
March, 1887	1,600
April, 1887	1,600
May to November inclusive, each month.	300

The same committee reported on petition of William Greenleaf requesting payment of a judgment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William Greenleaf for the sum of $191.45, being amount of a judgment and costs obtained in a suit in the Second District Court, wherein the said William Greenleaf was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, November, 1886, $1,915.50.
2. Pay roll Extensions and Distributions, Foremen, &c., April, 1886, $625.83.
3. Pay roll Extensions and Distributions, reparing water pipe, November, 1886, $828.50.
4. Pay roll Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, November, 1886, $466.
5. Pay roll Water Rates and Assessments, Foreman, &c , November, 1886, $598.33.
6. Pay roll Water Rates and Assessments, reassessing, November, 1886 $390.
7. Pay roll Pumping and Reservoirs. repairs to main, &c., November, 1886, $551.
8. Pay roll Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, September. 1886, $130.
9. Pay roll Pumping and Reservoirs, November. 1886, $3,113.95
10. Pay roll Extension and Distributions, repairing over new pipe, April, 1886, $1,282.55.
11. Pay roll, Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, April, 1886, $3.028.91.
12. Pay roll, Extensions and Distributions, repairing water pipe, April, 1886, $1,537.48.
13. Pay roll, Extensions and Distributions, repairing water pipe, March, 1886, $2,586.25.
14. Pay roll, Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, March, 1886, $3,873.75.
15. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of A. Gilbert, A. Bonnell, Peter Bentley and Rudolph Rabe for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

On petition of P. Hufnagle:

Resolved that a warrant be drawn in favor of P. Hufnagle for the sum of $101.56, being amount paid twice on block 167, lot 22, taxes of 1886, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of E. C. Bramhall:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to change upon the books in his office the assessment for taxes of 1883 on lot 310, block 664, Kearney avenue, Sixth district, by making the valuatioin $600 instead of $1,600, the latter amount being a clerical error.

On petition of J. Mulford:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct upon the books in his office the assessment for sewer in Morris street, lot 33, block 66, by changing the amount from $66 to $60.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committe were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Carroll & Sweeney for coal, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Carroll & Sweeney for the sum of $100, for coal delivered at City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committe consisting of Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan, to whom was referred December 16th, 1886, the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works accepting the proposition of the North Jersey Water Co. to supply Jersey City with pure and wholesome water from the Pequannock River for a period of ten years, reported as follows:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Board of Works asking concurrence in their award of contract to the North Jersey Water Company respectfully report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance cannot concur in the action of the Board of Works for the following reasons:

1st. That the contract as made was not open to public competition.

2nd. That no contract for the supply of pure and wholesome water should be entered into until a Board of competent Engineers shall first have given a proper investigation into the whole matter as to the proper source of supply—the abilities of the parties owning such source of supply to the perfect freedom of Jersey City from any legal complication as connected therewith.

3rd. As the Board of Finance have no power to enter into any contracts, but have only the power to concur in the action of the Board of Works; they have only to recommend that our present supply is not of the purity our citizens require; that the Board of Works do appoint a commission of Civil Engineers who shall make full investigation and

report through said Board of Works to the citizens of Jersey City what plan or plans may be deemed the most economical and expedient; and what further legislation may be required, and that when such report shall be made and such plan adopted that by proper advertisement it may be thrown open to the public competition, and the public welfare be the most properly assured.

T. D. JORDAN,
A. A. HARDENBURGH,
Special Committee.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was received and adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the sum of $25,000 to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Orestes Cleveland, Mayor, for the sum of $50, for the services of extra clerk, and for the month of December, 1886, to be charged to contingent funds.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Lawrence, Cronin & Co., for the sum of $750, to pay insurance on public buildings, said warrant to be charged to the contingent fund of 1886-7.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 13th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Police Mutual Aid Society inviting the members of this Board to attend their annual ball on February 14th, 1887.

Received and accepted with thanks.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Peter Semler, Jr., estate of S. Garretson, William Bumstead, Philip J. Kenlon, Grace A. Snelling and John D. Carscallen, executor.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co. of $27 for gas consumed in City Hall during December, 1886.

Claim of Robert Donshea of $13.50 for wood

Claim of Doan & Pilson of $9.80 for printing law case of Jersey City vs. Henerich Vatsky.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury January 7th to 13th, 1887, both days included, to be $53,557.49.

Received and ordered filed.

Henry F. Crawford, Agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Tax, reported that he had collected since the date of his last report the sum of $4,161.04.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, December, 1886, laying water pipe, $2,845.75.
2. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, December, 1886, Foremen, etc., $598.33.
3. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservoirs, December, 1886, $3,173.
4. Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, December, 1886, $60.50.
5. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1886, $262.37.
6. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, December, 1886, $933.50.
7. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservoirs, December, 1886, $102.
8. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, $270.
9. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, $557.
10. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, $405.
11. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assesments, April, 1886, $142.
12. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to John W. Keeney for cleaning sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City.
2. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, December, 1886, laying water pipe, $2,845.75.
3. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, December, 1886, Foreman, etc., $598 33.
4. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservoirs, December, $1886, $3,173.
5. Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, December, 1886, $60.50.
6. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1886, $262.37.
7. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, December, 1886, $933 50.
8. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, December, 1886, $102.
9. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, $270.
10. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, $557.
11. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1886, $405.
12. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1886, $142.
13. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of William G. Bumstead, Philip J. Kinlon, Grace C. Snelling, John D. Carscallen, executor, estate of S. Garretson, and Peter Semler, Jr., for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of William Burns for cancellation of sale for water rents recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the sales for water rents of 1869 and 1870 against lot 18, South 8th street, block 430.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Doan & Pilson, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Doan & Pilson for the sum of $9.80 for printing law case Jersey City vs. Henerich Vatsky.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of thirty-five thousand ($35,000) dollars on account of county taxes for 1886.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be and they are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time as authorized by law in anticipation of the collection of taxes and assessments such monies as may be necessary to meet the expenses of the city

government, said committee to report its transactions to this Board at the next subsequent meeting thereof.

By Mr. Harderbergh:

Resolved, That His Honor, the Mayor, be requested to furnish this Board with a copy of the act drawn by him "as stated through the public press" for the compromise of taxes and assessments past due.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, Due regard should be had by this Board to the several amounts expended by the several Boards connected with the city government; and

Whereas, In the report of the City Comptroller as made to this Board, no account is rendered as to the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Works; and

Whereas, No definite knowledge of such receipts for water rents or the expenses incurred in the laying of pipe and other expenses in which the Board of Finance and Taxation is asked to concur, and without which knowlege it is impossible to conduct the financial affairs of the city; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to send to this Board a full statement of their receipts and expenditures from January 1, 1886, to January 1, 1887, in order that the same may be published by this Board for the better explanation to our citizens and the proper guidance of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That under the direction of the Chief Engineer and the member of the Board of Public Works from the Fourth District, a sum not exceeding $800 be expended in repairing the steps at the foot of Franklyn street, said amount to be paid from the Contingent Fund of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 20th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Garret Felter, C. M. Imbrie, Frank L. Clark, Anna Geschen, John Wright and Collins & Corbin.

Petition of Charlotte M. Imbrie and William T. Clark to have taxes adjusted.

Petition of St. John's Free Church to have taxes cancelled.

Petition of Frank L. Clark for the opening of Union street, from Randolph avenue to Vreeland street.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment map:

Improvement of Hancock avenue, from Congress to North streets, amounting to.....$2,487 64

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor in relation to an act drawn by him for the compromise of taxes and assessments.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting a further appropriation for a night soil scow.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of $1,584.62 from amount of $40,000 appropriated for erecting and furnishing school building No. 20, at Greenville, to the account of furniture, repairs and gas, to be used in furnishing rooms now unfurnished.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $300 for the purpose of constructing a private sewer in South street from the engine house, No. 137 South street, to connect with private sewer already constructed.

All the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Water Registrar to prepare annual report.

2. Awarding contract for improvement of Twelfth street, from Henderson street to Jersey avenue, to James Kelter.

3. Widening and changing as to boundaries Jackson avenue, from Orient to Kearney avenue.

4. Pay-roll Committee on Streets and Sewers, December, 1886, $713 38.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to E. O'Donnell for improvement of New York avenue, from South to North street.

2. Change of grade of Montgomery street, from Bergen to Westside avenue.

3. Opening, widening and changing as to boundaries of a street to be called Rose avenue.

4. Widening and changing as to boundaries of Jackson avenue, from Orient to Kearney avenue.

5. Pay-roll pumping and reservoirs, February, 1886, $931.

6. Pay roll extensions and distributions, March, 1886, excepting the names of W. S. Weed and J. H. Sullivan, who were appointed by the Committee, not by the Board.

7. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Garret Felter, C. M. Imbrie, Frank L. Clark, Anna Geschen, John Wright and Collins and Corbin for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution in reference to the construction of a tunnel at the foot of Washington street be taken from the table and the clerk directed to read the same.

The clerk read the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 12th, 1886, to-wit:

Whereas, An application, in writing, signed by E. F. C. Young and others, at least fifty owners of land in Jersey City, being presented to this Board on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1886, at a regular meeting thereof, pursuant to an act of the Legislature of this State, approved April 22d, 1886, entitled "An Act to Authorize the Building of Tunnels under a Navigable Water-way or Basin in Cities," applying thereby to this Board to lay out and construct (substantially as shown on a diagram thereto annexed) a tunnel or tunnels under the water-way or basin, in said city, known as the Washington Street Gap, and in and under such parts of Washington street and under any land other than a street, highway or avenue in line with Washington street, south of Morris street, and in and under such parts of the street or highway or avenue known as West Central avenue (otherwise known as Johnston avenue) as shall be desirable to make the grade of such tunnel or tunnels and approaches a practicable one for foot passengers and vehicles, and lay out and construct the necessary approaches thereto on each side, connecting by means, aforesaid, the said parts of Washington street separated by said Gap with West Central or Johnston avenue on the opposite or other side of such water-way or basin; the said tunnel or tunnels and approaches to be of sufficient size to accommodate public travel thereby and therein, instead of over the street or streets, or adjacent streets, highways or avenues where such tunnel or tunnels and approaches shall be built, and setting forth that the said places last mentioned have been improved by the city, as and for Washington street, to, or within one hundred feet of said navigable water-way or basin on both sides of said basin, and that it is deemed

advisable by the petitioners that a communication by tunnel or tunnels with proper approaches should be built in the places aforesaid, and to that end that this Board may adjudge it advisible to do so; the said petitioners prayed that such tunnel or tunnels and approaches as are applied for, or such as this Board may resolve upon may be built by this Board.

This Board doth on the 12th day of July, A. D., 1886, in their discretion resolve to proceed to act upon said application in the same manner so far as practicable as is now provided by the law for proceeding to construct sewers in said city, with the exceptions in said act approved April 22, 1886, before recited, contained, and directed said application to be filed, and referred it to the Committee of the Whole.

And the said Committee of the Whole having thereupon reported the said application to this Board recommending that the application be granted, therefore,

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon said application be, and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, and this Board favors the said application, and directs that the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer, a discreet surveyor, not interested in said improvement, do proceed in accordance with law to ascertain the damages, if any, sustained by the owner or owners of lands fronting on said improvement by reason of the building and maintaining such tunnel or tunnels and approaches, and do make report thereof to this Board with all convenient speed; and that the said Commissioners of Assessment, with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey, be, and are hereby directed to make and report to this Board an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling and amount of work to be done, and of the materials to be furnished, for the making and completion of said improvement, and that upon the filing of such reports the Clerk of this Board shall advertise for proposals for doing such work and furnishing such materials in manner and for the length of time required by law, and this Board declares its determination to make said improvement, unless at the time hereafter to be appointed for hearing parties in relation thereto, this Board shall otherwise determine.

Mr. Jordan moved that the resolution be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Mr. Reynolds being excused from voting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 27th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Police Justice Stilsing in reference to the bad condition of the First District Court room.

Received and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hardenbergh and the President.

Communication from Allan L. McDermott, requesting payment of a judgment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Lyman S. Andrews, A. Higbie, James S. Erwin, Attorney, and T. D. Witherall.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Clerk, City Comptroller, and City Marshals.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Collector reported the receipts of the following assessment maps in his office:

Improvement Laidlaw avenue from Oakland to Central avenue, amounting to..... $3,544 00

Sewer in Bleecker street from Durham to Pearce, amounting to.... 3,243 93

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, January 21st to 27th, 1887, both days included to be..... 40,661 03

Received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting that a contract be executed by the Mayor and President of the Board of Public Works with the Water Company now in process of organization by John R. Bartlett and associates, when the same becomes fully organized according to law, to supply Jersey City with pure and wholesome water from their source of supply, and to continue for a period of ten years.

Received and laid on the table.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on concurrent resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Education, requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $1,548.62 in furnishing rooms in Public School No. 20, said expenditure to be charged against the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by resolution of this Board adopted August 13, 1885, which said resolution was adopted in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act amending an act to authorize the construction of school houses in cities of the first class of this State. Approved February 13, 1883." Approved April 16, 1884.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the construction of a sewer in Bleeker street from a point 20 feet east of Passaic avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Central avenue.

2. Pay-roll resolution Streets & Sewers, December, 1886, $713 38.

3. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salary, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of James S. Erwin, Att'y, Lyman S. Andrews, A. Higbie and T. D. Witherall for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Charlotte M. Imbrie and W. T. Clerk:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office the assessment for taxes of 1883, 1884, 1885 and 1886 against lot 28, block 630, said assessment being erroneous.

The same committee reported the salary list for employes under this Board for the month of January, 1887, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn for the same.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved that the resolution in reference to contract to supply Jersey City with pure and wholesome water by John R. Bartlett, and associates, be taken from the table and referred to a special committee.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Jordan and Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of February, 1887 interest:

On General Account.....$40,590 00
On Water Account..... 14,625 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from Assessment Account to General, to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 3d, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from the Fifth Ward Savings Bank, John A. Effray, George H. Newkirk, F. Negus, Daniel E. Cleary, Abram Collerd and Henry M. Gaede.

Petition of James P. Northrup, special guardian of John Griffiths, to have taxes adjusted.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments

Communication from G. A. Hollinger in reference to the low valuation for taxes for 1886 against property owned by Claude Chaffanjon.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from William Brinkerhoff, attorney for John Maloney, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city in the First District Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk enclosing a copy of an act drawn by his Honor the Mayor, in reference to the compromise of taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, January 28th to February 3d, 1887, both days included, to be $25,678.43.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel enclosing an opinion on the petition of Frank L Clark, attorney, for the opening of Union street from Randolph avenue.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen in reference to the naming of streets of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On re assembling the following members were present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Daniel E. Cleary, F. Negus, George H. Newkirk, John A. Effray and the Fifth Ward Savings Bank for compromise of Assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of St. John's Free Church to have taxes cancelled recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office the assessments made for taxes of 1884 and 1885 against lot south part of 10½ block 292, the same being used for church purposes and therefore exempt from taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 10. 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of John Shields for the return of money paid in error on taxes

Petitions were received from the Provident Institution for Savings, estate of Andrew Clerk, T. C. Brown and Henry Gaede, for compromise of assesments.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communications from Richard R. Green, requesting the Board to concur in the resolution awarding contract to F. C. Meehan, for a sewer in Webster avenue, between South and Bowers streets.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeny, of $110 for twenty tons of coal delivered at the City Hall.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company of $25.95, for gas consumed in City Hall.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications from the City Clerk, enclosing a claim of Charles Golden of $20 for making fires and cleaning cellar, January, 1887.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting that the furnaces and pipes in the cellar of City Hall be examined by a competent man, and that the same may be repaired and made safe.

Received and referred to the President of the Board with power.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer of $28.17 from appropriation for fire insurance to appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers for fiscal years 1885 and, 1886.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $16 from the special appropriation to repair Mountain road to the appropriation for reconstruction of Streets and Sewers, fiscal year 1885 6.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll—Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1886, $31.75.

2. Pay-roll—Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1886, $335.50.

3. Three pay-rolls—Water Rates and Assessments, January, 1887.

4. Two pay-rolls—Pumping and Reservoirs, January, 1887.

5. Three pay-rolls—Extension and Distributions, January, 1887.

6. Pay-roll—Streets and Sewers, January, 1887, $1,152 13.

7. Pay-roll—Streets and Sewers, October, 1886, $470.87.

8. Pay-rolls—Streets and Sewers, November, 1886, $469.06.

9. Awarding contract to Patrick Long for sewer in Paterson street, 135 feet east of Passaic avenue, to Pearce avenue.

10 Ordering paid claim of Harry Dilks.

11. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenberg and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from William Brinkerhoff, attorney for John Maloney, requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the city recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William Brinkerhoff, attorney for John Maloney, in the sum of $64.76, being amount of a judgment obtained by said Maloney in the First District Court, said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment, approved by the Corporation Counsel, be filed with the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to F. C. Meehan for sewer in Webster avenue, from South to Bowers street.

2. Pay roll Water Department, January, 1887, $1,753.36.

3. Ordering paid claim of Harry Dilks.

4 Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Abram Collerd, John I. Blair and Henry M. Gaede, for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$52.90 to the United Gas Improvement Company for gas consumed in City Hall.

$110 to Carroll & Sweeney for coal.

$194.70 to Albert Datz for stationery.

$18 70 to N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., for rent of instrument and tollage, from Oct. 1, 1886 to January 1, 1887.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolution the report of

the committee were received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of six thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 17th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John Bissell, attorney for Thos. J. Armstrong, asking payment of a judgment obtained against the city in the First District Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from James Flemming, submitting a resolution adopted at a meeting of the citizens to consider the matter of the water supply of Jersey City and Newark.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. B. Reynolds of $57.74 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

Claim of The Argus of $87.50 for printing, &c.

Claim of The American District Telegraph Company of $33.07 for messenger service for months of December, 1886, and January, 1887.

Claim of The American District Telegraph Company of $12.14 for messenger service furnished Mayor's office

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting an appropriation of $300 for placing the names of the streets in Jersey City upon lamp posts.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled. The same members present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from Allan L. McDermott requesting the payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Allan L. McDermott, for the sum of $202.70, being amount of a judgment and costs recovered against the city in the Second District Court, in a suit wherein Allan L. McDermott was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants.

The same committee reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions;

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $16.90 from the special account to repair Mountain road to the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers, Board of Public Works, Fiscal year 1885-86.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $28.17 from the account of insurance to the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1885-86.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of John Shields for the return of money overpaid on taxes of 1886, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Shields for the sum of $5.88, being amount overpaid on taxes of 1886, Lot J, Block 137.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the payment of the following claims:

$87.50 to The Argus.

$33.07 to the American District Telegraph Company for messenger service for months of December, 1886, and January, 1887,

$12.14 to American District Telegraph Company for messenger service in Mayor's office during months of December and January.

$57.74 to A. B. Reynolds for supplies furnished City Marshal.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That a special committee, consisting of the President and Mr. Edelstein, be appointed to examine into the condition of the First District Police Court, and if necessary procure other quarters for said Court, pending action of the Legislature for better accommodations.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That a public meeting of the Special Committee on Water of this Board be held in the City Hall, on Monday, February 21st, 1887, at 7 o'clock p. m., and that all engineers and others interested in the matter be requested to appear and express their views on the subject.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 24, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition for compromise of assessments were received from G. Schuman and Henry Gaede, both of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Sunday Morning News of $6 for advertising.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $15 for ice furnished City Hall from January 22d to February 22d, 1887.

Both claims were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury February 18th to 24th, 1887, both days included, to be $23,538.97.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller presented his annual report with a statement of the receipts and disbursement of the City Treasury (exclusive of water account) for the fiscal year commencing December 1st, 1885, and ending November 30th, 1886; also a statement showing the financial condition of Jersey City December 1st, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies to have 2,000 copies printed for distribution.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll—Water Rates and Assessments, for the month of February, 1887, $1,753.36.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Hardenberg, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of John W. Bissell, attorney for Thomas J. Armstrong, requesting payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John W. Bissell, attorney for Thomas J. Armstrong, for the sum of $202,42, being amount of a judgment and costs obtained in the First District Court, in a suit wherein the said Thomas J. Armstrong was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendant's said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, be filed with the City Clerk.

The same committee reported verbally on claim of Charles Golden of $20 for making fires and cleaning cellar for the month of January, 1887, recommending that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen for payment.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following concurrent resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, February, 1887, $1,753.36.

2. Pay-roll—Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, January, 1887, $130.

3 Pay-roll—Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, January. 1887. $390.

4. Pay-roll—Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, January, 1887, $555.

5. Pay-roll—Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1886, $335.50.

6. Pay-roll—Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1886. $231 75.

7. Pay-rolls—Committee on Extensions and Distributions, January, 1887. $993.

8. Pay-roll—Committee on Extensions and Distributions, January, 1887, $598.33.

9. Pay-roll—Committee on Extensions and Distributions, January, 1887, $2,862.

10. Pay-roll—Committee Streets and Sewers, October, 1886, $470.87.

11. Pay-roll—Streets and Sewers, November, 1886, $469.06.

12. Pay-rolls—Streets and Sewers, January, 1887, $1,152.13.

13. Pay-roll—Pumping and Reservoirs, January, 1887, $164.

14. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of G. Schuman and Henry Gaede for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of William H. Speer for the return of money paid in excess of taxes, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William H. Speer for the sum of $35.85, being amount paid in excess for water rents on lots 31, 30, 29. block 508½, for the year 1884, as per certificate of the Water Registrar.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of February, 1887, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz. Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein,

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee on Water submitted the following report:

In view of the character and great importance of the work of supplying Jersey City with pure and wholesome water, and the necessity of taking action on the resolution of the Board of Public Works, now before us for concurrence, and desiring to give all parties a fair chance for competition, your com-

mittee, to whom this matter was referred, respectfully ask that further time be allowed for receiving proposals for said work; and your committee recommends that all parties desiring to present proposals for supplying Jersey City with water shall make such offer within two weeks from this date, and that every such proposal be accompanied,

First: –By satisfactory evidence that the proposer owns or controls territory commanding a sufficient supply of water.

Second:—By proper evidences of the financial ability of the proposer necessary to carry forward and complete the contemplated work.

Third:—By a cash deposit in some Bank or Trust Company of $500,000, as an earnest on the part of the proposer of his good faith.

A. A. HARDENBERGH,
T. D. JORDAN,
E. E. DATZ,
Special Committee.

The report of the Committee was received, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions with power.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited in Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of March, 1887, interest:

On General Account.....$ 6,200 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds.....$ 1,592 50
On Water Account.....$19,145 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant for thirty thousand dollars be drawn in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, on account of taxes of 1886.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be and they are hereby authorized to have a telephone placed in the Mayor's office at an expense not to exceed ninety dollars.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 3, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the Lorillard Debating and Athletic Association to attend their ball at St. John's Hall.

Received, accepted with thanks and ordered filed.

Petitions were received from John A. Effray, Isaac Romaine, Atty, Frank L. Clark, and Henry Fischer for compromise of assessments.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Sunday Morning News of $2,978.40 for publishing redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880.

Claim of the Argus Printing Company of $2,978 40 for publishing redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $2,978 40 for publishing redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee of the whole.

Claim of Michael Kilcauley of $24.70 for repairs to heaters and materials.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $70 for advertising.

Claim of the Morning News of $3 for advertising.

Claim of Phillip E. Martin of $170 for repairing heaters in City Hall.

All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, February 25th to March 3d, 1887, both days included, to be $118.290.44.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the President of the Board.

JERSEY CITY, March 3d, 1887.

"*Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation.*

GENTLEMEN: At the meeting of the Board held Feb. 24, the matter of the request of the Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries of the Board of Police Commissioners for an additional appropriation for the City Hospital was referred to me for investigation, and I have the honor of reporting as follows:

I visited the hospital and made a careful personal examination into every detail of the working of the institution, and am satisfied that the appropriation for said committee, namely, $10,000, is not adequate for the purpose to which it must be applied.

The daily average of patients is now sixty-five, add to this fifteen attendants and helpers, and there is a total of eighty persons to be maintained. Allowing the low rate of 30 cents per day for each person (the same as paid by the county for the maintenance of prisoners in the jail,) and the amount is $8,760 per year. Calculating that the average number of patients will increase each month, and the cost of this item of food may be increased far beyond that figure, and nearly exhausting the appropriation. In addition, this fund is expected to provide for the payment of help, medicines, surgical instruments bedding, fuel, care of horse and ambulance. I carefully examined all the books of the institution, and am fully satisfied that Warden Osborne, in addition to conducting the hospital in a model manner, has exercised great care and judgment in the matter of expenditures.

In view of the above facts I would recommend that the sum of $2,000, to be appropriated to the use of the said Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries, and that said amount of $2,000 be placed in the next tax levy.

While at the hospital I made an investigation as to the necessity of acquiring the plot of ground at the rear of the hospital property and embracing eleven city lots. This property should, in my judgment, belong to the city. By the courtesy of the present owner of the property the hospital authorities are allowed to drain across the ground, and this privilege may be cut off at any time. In such an event it would cost almost, if not quite, as much to make proper sewer connections as the property could now be purchased for—between $4,000 and $5,000.

Another advantage to be gained by the purchase of this property would be that it would enable the proper authorities to erect upon it a detached building for the use of patients suffering from contagious diseases—cases which now, through necessity, are kept in close proximity to those who are confined by mild diseases. I would recommend that a committee be appointed for the purpose of securing such legislation as may be necessary to enable the city to purchase this greatly desired property. Respectfully submitted.

E. E. DATZ.

The communication was received- spread at large on the minutes, and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1886, $284.25.
2. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, month ending April 3, 1886, $112.50.
3. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1886, $570.75.
4. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, January, 1887, $231.
5. Pay-roll, Extensions, and Distributions, March, 1886, $484.35.
6. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1886, $1,212.
7. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservoirs, March, 1886, $912.50.
8. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenberg and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of John A. Effray, Henry Fisher, Frank L. Clark and Isaac Romaine for compromise of assessments recommending that the same be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on

each of the above reports, the resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims

$170 to Philip E. Martin, for repairing heater in City Hall.

$3.00 to the Sunday Morning News, for advertising.

$6.00 to the Sunday Morning News, for advertising.

$24 to M. Kilcauley, for repairs to furnaces.

$15 to the Chelsea Ice Co., for ice furnished City Hall, from January 23 to February 23, 1887.

$70 to the Evening Journal Association, for advertising.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, Resolved that President Datz and Commissioner Edelstein be appointed a committee of two to examine into the matter of the purchase of the land desired for the use of the City Hospital and report to this Board the amount for which said land can be purchased.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, Resolved that the Corporation Council be directed to draw a bill to be presented to the Legislature for the purpose of providing additional funds for the City Hospital to the extent of $2,000.

By Mr. Hardenbergh Resolved that the sum of three hundred dollars be set aside from the Contingent Fund to be paid on account of a night soil scow for the use of the Police Commissioners

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved that the resolution adopted by this Board, February 24th, 1887 ordering a warrant drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $6,200, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, for the sum of $5,600 to transfer that amount from General Account to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of March, 1887, interest account.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 10th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications from G. D. Van Reipen, Alfred Henderson, James Fleming and others, protesting against this Board concurring in the resolution awarding contract to John R. Bartlett and associates to furnish Jersey City with water.

Received and laid on the table.

Petition of Alfred N. Brown to have tax sale cancelled.

Petition of James Fleming for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of M. J. O'Brien to have an assessment cancelled.

Petitions of Frank Gautier, estate of Connahan M. J. O'Brien, John Garrick, J. W. Carnes, John Munck, John F. Klump, Thomas N. Brown and F. G. Wolbert for compromise of assessments.

All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $2.978.40 for advertising sale for unpaid taxes of 1880.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $50 for coal.

Claim of E. C. Bridgman of $123 for maps, &c., for City Clerk.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Collector for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Clerk enclosing a writ of certiorari in the case of the Western Union Telegraph Co., vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

H. F. Crawford, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported that he had collected and paid over the sum of $1,067.19.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reports the total receipts of the City Treasury, from March 4th to 10th, 1887, both days included, to be $19,-700.60.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners, requesting a transfer of $1,500 from the appropriation to the Committee on Hospital and Dispensaries, for the months of October and November, to the credit of the same committee for the month of March.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the committee to advertise for 1,000 lengths of cast iron water pipe.

2. Improvement of Griffith street from Palisade to Central avenues.

3. Awarding contract to John G. Smith for construction of a sewer in Railroad avenue from Coles to Monmouth streets.

4. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of York street, from Varick to Monmouth streets.

5. Awarding contract to Thomas Cavanagh for the improvement of Summit avenue from Sherman place to South street.

6. Awarding contract to Chas. O'Neill for sewer in Thorne street, 40 feet east of Nelson avenue and connecting with the sewer in Summit avenue.

7. Pay roll, extensions and distributions, February, 1887, $2,977.

8. Pay roll, extensions and distributions, February, 1887, $598.33.

9. Pay roll, extensions and distributions, February, 1887, $864.

10. Pay roll, streets and sewers, February, 1887, $1,100.68.

11. Pay roll, pumping and reservoirs, February, 1887, $3,105.98.

12. Pay roll, water rates and assessments, February, 1887, $187.

13. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of 10 minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll Pumping and Reservoirs, January 1887, $3,204.20.

2. Ordering paid claims of Harry Dilkes, for February, 1887, $75.00.

3. Ordering paid claims of Lehigh Valley Coal Co. amounting in the aggregate to $5,-999,45

4. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The Ayes and Nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions, of Frank Gautier, Estate of Connoban, W. J, O'Brien John Garrick, attorney, J. W. Carnes, John Munck, John F. Klumps, Thos. H. Brown and F. G. Wolbert for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of James Flemming, for returnes of money paid twice on taxes, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the city Treasurer, in favor of James Fleming for the sum of $17.92 being amount paid twice for the taxes of 1883 on lots 3 and 4, block 621, and,that the City Collector be notified. The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationary and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$123 to E. C Bridgeman, for reporducing maps for City Clerk.

$50 Carroll and Sweeney for 10 tons of coal. The ayes and nays having been called, on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions, adopted unanimously.

Reports of the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole to whom were referred the claims of the official papers for

publishing the expiration of the time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880 arose and made the following report to the Board.

Your Committee of the Whole to whom were referred the claims of the official papers for publishing notices of the expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880, would most respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of the Argus Printing Co.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Argus Printing Co., for the sum of $2,978.40, for publishing notice of the expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880.

On claim of The Evening Journal Association.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of The Evening Journal Association, for the sum of $2,978.40, for publishing notice of the expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880.

On claim of the Sunday Morning News.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sunday Morning News, for the sum of $2,978.40, for publishing notice of the expiration of a time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880.

On claim of the Jersey City Herald.

Resolved that a warant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Jersey City Herald for the sum of $2,978,40 for publishing notice of the expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1880.

The Ayes and Nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the commitiees were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh ;

Resolved that the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow from time to time with the concurrence of the Mayor such sum or sums as may be necessay to meet the interest on the current debt of the city in anticipation of the moneys to be received by the Board of Public Works for water rents or in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Timothy C. Long, City Marshal, for the sum of $250, being in full for services rendered to the Board of Finance and Taxation and the Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation fiscal year 1886-7, said warrant to be charged to the Contingent Fund of 1886-7.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That hereafter no petition for payment of a judgment will be considered by this Board unless the nature of the claim upon which such judgment may be based, be stated.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 17, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Frank L. Clark for the return of money paid in error on tax sales.

Petitions of W. G. Bumstead, Geo. F. Ludlow, Martin Logan and estate of Sipp for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John Boyd of $22 for painting and lettering signs.

Claim of Phillip E. Martin of $23.23 for plumbing work in City Hall.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $8.71 for messenger service furnished Mayor's Office month of February, 1887.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $20.41 for messenger service furnished Board of Finance, February, 1887.

Claim of United Gas and Improvement Company of $24 for gas consumed in City Hall during February, 1887.

Claim of J. J. Griffiths of $49.60 for printing law cases.

Claim of John Boyd of $260 for painting First District Police Court.

Claim of Phillip E. Mratin of $127.31, for plumbing work in First District Police Court.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Police Justice Stilsing, thanking the Board for their prompt action in renovating the First District Police Court Room.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received in his office for collection, the following assessment maps:

Sewer in Eighth street, Brunswick and Sixth street, $4,330.

Sewer in Hutton street, from 100 feet east of Summit to Central avenue, $3,148 25.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from March 11th to 17th, 1887, both days included, to be $24,909.66.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, enclosing a petition from George T. Bouton and others, asking to have Ocean avenue, from Myrtle avenue south, repaired.

Received and ordered filed.

Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of February, 1887, for repairing unpaved streets, $465.50.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess of 10 minutes

On re-assembling the following members were present.

President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,666.66 from the account of Hospitals and Dispensaries months of October and November to the account of Hospitals and Dispensaries month of March, 1887. Board of Police Commissioners fiscal year 1886-7.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenburg and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions, of Wm. G. Bumstead, George F. Luxton, Martin Logan and the estate of Sipp for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee appointed in the matter of the proposed purchase of property for the use of the City Hospital reported as follows:

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation—

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of securing additional lands for the use of the City Hospital, would respectfully report that after a careful investigation of the matter they find that the purchase of the proposed property would be beneficial to the City. The Hospital drain runs through a portion of the grounds and may be removed at any time by the owner. The property includes nearly twelve city lots and is offered at the price of $4,000. We would respectfully recommend that proper steps be taken to secure the property for the City.

JOHN EDELSTEIN.
EMIL E. DATZ.
Committee.

The report was received ordered filed and the subject matter referred to President Datz and the Corporation Counsel.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh;

Resolved, That the Educational interests rather require the interest and endorsement of the Board of Finance and Taxation than a new City Hall, and that we respectfully protest against any increased indebtedness of the city whatever, believing that our true policy is in reducing our expenditures and thus affording to our citizens a system of economy that will insure their approval.

By Mr. Hardenburgh:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted December 23, 1886, the resolution of the Committee on Finance and Claims adverse to the petition of Frank L. Clark in relation to purchase of a lot for school purposes be and is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

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Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That Joseph Locke be and he is hereby appointed Marshal of the Second District Court (Alfred B. Dayton, Esq. Judge) to fill vacancy caused by the decease of Richard Boucher.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nay—President Datz.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 24, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the John P. Feeney Association to attend their annual ball on Monday, April 4th.

Received and accepted with thanks.

Communication from the Hudson County Trades Assembly protecting against the awarding of any contract to supply Jersey City with water.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting the cancellation of certain tax sales.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments

Petition of A. W. Brown, for cancellation of tax sale.

Petition of J. Ottemeyer, John B. Cole, A. B. Dayton and Martin Logan for compromise of assessments.

The above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz, of $117.95 for stationery furnished City Collector's Office.

Claim of Albert Datz, of $16.50 for printing blank resolutions.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association, of $6.00 for official advertising.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury, from March 18th to 24th, 1887, both days included, to be $22,838.62.

Received and ordered filed.

The following Concurrent Resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing Committee to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering about 10,000 tons of anthracite coal at Belleville and High Pumping Stations.

2. Ordering paid claim of Harry Dilkes, for services as Draughtsman for March, 1887.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 10 minutes

On re-assembling the following members were present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to James Kelter, for the improvement of 12th street, from Henderson street to Jersey avenue.

2 Pay-roll of Extension and Distribution, Feb. 1887, $2,977.00.

3. Pay-roll of Extension and Distribution, Feb., 1887. $864.00.

4. Pay-roll of Extension and Distribution, Feb., 1887, $598.33.

5. Pay-roll of Water Rates and Assessments, Feb., 1887, $465.50.

6. Pay-roll of Water Rates and Assessments, Feb., 1887, $187.00.

7. Pay-roll of Streets and Sewers, Feb., 1887, $1,100.68.

8. Pay-roll of Pumping and Reservoirs, Feb., 1887, $3,105.98.

9. Ordering paid claim of Harry Dilkes for services as draughtsman, March, 1887.

10. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions, of J. M. Ottemeyer, J. B. Coles, A. B. Dayton, attorney for Mary Coyle, and Martin Logan for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of A. W. Brown: Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office the sale made August 25th 1879, for unpaid taxes of 1878 of "700 lineal feet on New York Bay," for the reason that said assessment was made after the taxes upon said property, for said year had been paid.

On petition of Morris and Cummings.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to cancel of record the sale made to the City Treasurer, March 13th 1872, for water rents of the following described property.

Water Rents—1867, 1868, lots 124, 128, 130, 132, block 173.

Water Rents—1869, 1870, lots 128, 130, 132, block 173.

Said property being vacant and exempt from water rents by a recent decision of the Courts.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, reported ordering paid the following claims, $8.71 to the American District Telegraph Company, for messenger service to the Mayor's Office, for February 1887, $20.41 to the American District Telegraph Company, for messenger service for the Board of Finance and Taxation, February 1887.

$16.50 to Albert Datz for printing blank resolution.

$22.00 to John Boyd for lettering signs.

$6.00 to the Evening Journal Association for official advertising.

$24.00 to the United Gas Improvement Company, for gas consumed during the month of February, 1887, in the City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurder in favor of McArthur & Co., in the sum of $350 for work on steps on Franklin street, said warrant to be charged to Contingent Fund of this Board.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant for $135.00, be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Brower, for work upon Franklin street steps, said warrant to be charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $30,000, to transfer that amount from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in Hudson County National Bank to the credit of, April, 1887, interest.

Interest on General Account.....$23.000
Interest on General Account 23,070
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds..... 16,065
On Water Account..... 28,000

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the sum of $42.70 principle and $13.88 interest on account of redemption from sale for taxes of 1874, and $36.34 principle and 62 cents interest on account of redemption from sale for taxes of 1882, be paid to Mrs. M. J. Hoggett, to refund amount paid in error December 29, 1886, in redeeming from said sale, lot 16, Second street, Block 385, the warrant to be delivered upon surrender of the redemption certificate showing said payment.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the sum of $8.71 principle and 77 cents interest on account of redemption from sale for taxes of 1880 of plot 7, Wilkinson avenue, Block 6, be paid to J. Flemming to refund amount paid in error Feb. 21, 1887, in redeeming said lot from said sale, the warrant to be delivered upon the surrender of the redemption certificate showing said payment.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent, Mr. Hardenburgh.

By President Datz,

Whereas, The Board of Chosen Freeholders have determined to construct a so-called County Road, and have already taken steps to that end, and,

Whereas, The total cost of said County Road, as estimated, would be about $3,000,000,00; about two-thirds of which would fall on Jersey City, and,

Whereas, It is not only desirable, but extremely necessary that the debt of Jersey City should not be augmented at this time, therefore,

Resolved, That, as the Board having control of the finances of the city, we earnestly condemn and protest against the action of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and recommend that said action be reconsidered and thus give Jersey City an opportunity to use any surplus funds, which may be in the treasury, to improve the streets of the city and to increase the educational interests by providing additional school house facilities.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That Joseph Locke be and he hereby appointed Marshal of the Second District Court (Alfred B. Dayton, Esq. Judge,) in the place of Richard Boucher, deceased, and that such appointment bear date and take effect from the 15th of March, 1887, at a yearly salary of $600, to be paid monthly.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That this Board do now proceed to the election of Assessors for the ensuing year.

The President declared nominations to be in order.

Mr. Edelstein nominated as Assessor for the First District, Patrick H. O'Neill.

No other nomination having been made a ballot was then had which resulted as follows:

Patrick H. O'Neill received four votes.

Patrick H. O'Neill having received the votes of all the members present, he was declared elected Assessor for the First District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Edelstein nominated as Assessor for the Second District, Michael J. O'Rourke.

No other nomination having been made a ballot was then had which resulted as follows:

Michael J. O'Rourke received four votes.

Michael J. O'Rourke having received the votes of all the members present he was declared elected Assessor for the Second District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Reynolds nominated as Assessor for the Third District, John C. Robbins.

No other nomination having been made a ballot was then had which resulted as follows:

John C. Robbins received three votes.

Blank received one vote.

John C. Robbins having received a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected Assessor for the Third district for the ensuing year.

Mr. Reynolds nominated as Assessor for the Fourth district, Thomas McEwan, Jr.

No other nomination having been made a ballot was then had which resulted as follows:

Thomas McEwan, Jr., received three votes.

Blank received one vote.

Thomas McEwan Jr., having received a majority of all the votes cast he was declared elected Assessor for the Fourth district for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jordan nominated as Assessor for the Fifth district, David W Lawrence.

Mr. Edelstein nominated Frank Smith.

No other nominations having been made a ballot was then had which resulted as follows:

David W. Lawrence received three votes.

Frank Smith received one vote.

David W. Lawrence having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared elected Assessor for the Fifth District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jordan nominated as Assessor for the Sixth District E. P. Snowden.

No other nominations having been made, a ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

E P. Snowden received three votes.

One blank vote was cast.

E. P. Snowden having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected Assessor for the Sixth District for the ensuing year.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 31, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of William G. Bumstead, Attorney for William Reed to have taxes and assessment adjusted.

Petitions of H. M. Beekman, Emilie Menge, and John Craven for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes, and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Vredenbergh and Garretson, Attorneys, of $42.56 for tax costs in the case of the Hudson Telephone Co. vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of Phillip E Martin of $15.95, for plumbing work in City Hall.

Claim of Hoos & Schultz of $477.70, for furniture furnished police court-room.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from March 25th to 31th, 1887, both days included, to be $168,230.23.

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Authorizing the Committee to advertise for 10,000 tons of anthracite coal at Belleville and High Service pumping stations.
2. Authorizing Committee to advertise for 1000 lengths of cast iron water pipe
3. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the improvement of York street, from Varick to Monmouth street.
4. Improvement of Griffith street from Palisade to Central avenue.
5. Pay-roll of Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1887, $1,212
6. Pay-roll of Water Rates and Assessments, March, 1887, $284.25.
7. Pay-roll of Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1886, $570.75.
8. Pay-roll of Pumping and Reservoirs, March 1886, $912.50.
9. Pay-roll of Extension and Distribution, March, 1886, $484.35.
10. Three resolutions ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of John Craven Emilee Menge and H. M. Beekman for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of March, 1887, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The same committee reported the salary list of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending March 31st, 1887, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and supplies, reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$477.70 to Hoos & Schultz, for furniture furnished the First District Court Room.

$185.22 to Charles H. Scott, for carpenter work in the First District Court Room.

$127.31 to Philip E. Martin, for plumbing work in First District Court Room.

$260 to John Boyd, for painting in the First District Court Room.

All the above claims to be charged to the Contingent Fund of the Board of Finance and Taxations.

$19 50 to W. W. Farrier, for plumbing work.

$49.60 to J. J. Griffiths, for printing law cases.

$15.95 to Philip E. Martin, for plumbing work in City Hall.

$117.95 to Albert Datz for stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $50,000, as a further payment on account of taxes of 1886.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Board that a bill known as "Assembly Bill No. 398" is now pending before the Legislature of this State for the purpose of supplying this and other cities with water, and

Whereas, By the provision of this bill the city of Jersey City, acting separately, to the bond itself for the sum of $4,000,000 for that purpose in addition to its already existing indebtedness, the proceeds of which four million worth of bonds are to be at the absolute disposal of the Board of Public Works, and

Whereas, It is being reported among the members of the Legislature that this bill has been introduced into the Legislature at the instance, and at the expression of the wishes of the citizens of Jersey City, and that they desire its passage, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board do not believe that the people of Jersey City desire its passage, and this Board, representing the financial interests of this city, declares that Jersey City at this time cannot for a moment entertain the proposition to bond itself for any sum whatever for said purpose and respectfully request the members of the Legislature from this city to defeat the passage of said bill by the exercise of all fair and honorable means, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Senator and each Assemblyman from this City.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, The State Board of Water Commissioners or members thereof desire to submit to the Special Committee having under

consideration the proposition for a new water supply certain reports and statements of Engineers relative to such supply and other documentary evidences.

Resolved, That said Board or Members be requested to present such statements to said Special Committee of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 7th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Susan Sexton requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the city.

Petition of John W. Bissell, attorney for David B. Day, requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the city.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from G. D. Van Reipen and others requesting a hearing in reference to the supplying of Jersey City with pure and wholesome water.

Received and referred to the Special Committee on Water.

Petition of Catherine Broughton to have poll tax cancelled.

Petitions of William Murray, A. B. Dayton, James McLaughlin, John S. Edwards and Bentley and Harrisborne, Attorneys, for Compromise of Assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of R. B. Seymour of $54.47 for Disbursements from June 2nd, 1885, to March 14th, 1887.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from April 1st to 7th, 1887, both days included, to be $14,143.82.

Received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, April 7th, 1887.

TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION:

GENTLEMEN.—A resolution of concurrence with a resolution of the Board of Public Works authorizing an advertisement for bids for the supply of 10,000 tons of coal for the Water Works, is herewith returned without my signature. I addressed a letter to the Board of Public Works suggesting that the resolution to advertise for the supply of so large an amount of coal be withdrawn, and that only 1,500 tons be advertised for now, and that in June the full supply for a year could be contracted for at a lower price; but that has not been done, possibly in consequence of that Board not having held a meeting on Monday.

I do not think it wise to contract now for so large a supply.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND, Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

JERSEY CITY, April 7th, 1887.

TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION:

GENTLEMEN—The resolution concurring in the payment of certain pay rolls purporting to be for work done in March and April, 1886, "blowing off hydrants," "turning off water," "covering pipe on meadows," etc., etc., is herewith returned without my signature. We have already paid claims for this work that I thought outrageous at the time. I think four different pay rolls. Those for March, 1886, amounted to about $600, which amount it appeared to me was in large part a swindle on the City Treasury. The present pay roll amounts to $1,212.00, making for March 1886, $1,800.00 for "repairing and blowing off hydrants." It is impossible, and I will sign no more. For the same alleged service in April 1886 we paid $373.75, and now another pay roll comes for $570.75 more, making $944.50 for April, 1886, for this unique service.

These attacks upon the City Treasury must stop. Upon the very face of things there is bad faith somewhere or these claims would all have come before me at one time. In May of last year I asked the Board of Public Works for a full list of persons employed, the kind of work or service, amount of compensation, and other details that would enable me to know whether claims coming before me were correct, but the information has never been furnished. I am under the impression that an additional Clerk was allowed to the Board in order that this information might be furnished. Another claim is $284.25 for "turning off water" in March 1886. The honest cost could not have been a quarter part of it and I will not sanction any more of these swindles. The claim for "repairs over new pipe" March 1886 $484.35, is also impossible. I am sorry to differ with the Boards of the City Government, but no alternative is left. The City Treasury must be protected.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND, Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present: President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of John W. Bissell, attorney for David B. Day, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasury in favor of John W. Bissell, attorney for David B. Day for the sum of $128.42, being amount of judgment and costs recovered in the Second District Court in a suit wherein the said David B. Day was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants. Said warrant to be delivered upon the filing of a proper satisfaction of said judgment with the City Clerk, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

On claim of Vredenbergh & Garretson, attorneys for taxed costs recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Vredenbergh & Garretson, attorneys, for the sum of $42.56 being taxed costs in the case of the Hudson Telephone Company vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

On claim of R. B. Seymour for Disbursements recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Roderick B. Seymour for the sum of $54.47, being for

Disbursements as Corporation Attorney from June 2, 1885 to March 14, 1887.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes — President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of William G. Bumsted, attorney for William Reed to have assessments adjusted, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City-Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from William G. Bumsted, Attorney for William Reed, the following amounts in full payment of the following assessments on lot 5, block 282.

Main Sewer, Section "A," 1874.....	$29.25
Sewer in Bergen avenue, 1874...	450.00
Improvment Bergen avenue, 1878....	475 00
Improvement West Grand Street, 1874	47.67
Main Sewer, Section "B," 1874.....	200 05

Provided all other taxes and assessments are paid in full with interests and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null and void and of no effect whatever.

On petition of Frank L. Clark for return of money overpaid on tax sales, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City-Treasury in favor of Frank L. Clark for the sum of $2.72 being amount paid in error for advertising and interest on tax sales.

On petitions of John S. Edwards, A. B. Dayton, Bentley & Hartshorne, William Murray and James McLaughlin for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs Edelstein and Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and supplies, reported on claim of Hoos and Shultz, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hoos and Schultz for the sum of $159.74, being for furniture for Police Justice Stillsing's office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, April 13, 1887, at eleven o'clock A. M.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, April 13, 1887, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

The minutes of the meeting of April 7, 1887, were read, and, on motion of Mr. Edelstein, the following correction was made: By inserting in the place of the words—"The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies," the following—"The Special Committee on First District Police Court."

The above correction having been made, the minutes were adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the minutes of March 31, 1887, be amended as follows: By inserting, in place of the words—"The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies," reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$477.70 to Hoos & Schulz, for furniture furnished the First District Court Room.

$185.22 to Charles H. Scott, for carpenter work in First District Court Room.

$127.31 to Phillip E. Martin, for plumbing work in First District Court Room.

$260 to John Boyd, for painting in First District Court Room."

The following: "The Special Committee on First District Police Court Room reported recommending the payment of the following claims:"

$477.70 to Hoos & Schulz, for furniture furnished the First District Court Room.

$185 22 to Charles D. Scott, for carpenter work in First District Court Room.

$127.31 to Phillip E. Martin, for plumbing work in First District Court Room.

$260 to John Boyd, for painting in First District Court Room.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be and are hereby tendered to Emil E. Datz, for the faithful, impartial and kindly manner in which he has discharged the duties of President during the past year, and that a copy of this resolution, properly engrossed, be forwarded to him by the Clerk of this Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That we tender to William D. Reynolds of this Board, who has been associated with us during the past financial year our warmest personal regards, our great respect for the manner in which he has aided us in the discharge of our public duties, and that we shall ever remember the faithful public servant, the warm and genial friend and the conservative public citizen; and that we pronounce with regret, the words of farewell, which announce our separation in the public service.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, properly engrossed, be forwarded to our late associate.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be extended to George F. McAneny and John T. M. Kaylar, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

On motion of Mr. Edelstein the Board adjourned, sine die.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

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